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Prince Rupert is not the only place where graft is used in securing sites for public buildings. A quarantine station was required at Levis, Quebec, and the opportunity was made use of to enrich at least three of the Tory party following. Land that a few months before could be had for \$5500 was purchased from a good friend of the party for \$32,750. The same motives seem to inspire the party in the east as well as the west.

Mr. Borden was elected on a platform that declared strongly in favor of civil service reform. Previous to his election the Liberals has established a competitive system for the inside civil service. Instead of extending that reform Mr. Borden has done the opposite. Since his election the Conservatives have appointed 361 civil servants and not one of them took the required examination. Add to this the ruthless discharge of an army of other civil servants, and we have a record of which any government should be ashamed.

This paper never attacked William Manson on personal grounds. A man may be a gentleman and nothing else. As a rule men who are strong on gentlemanly conduct are very weak on aggressive qualities. As government agent William Manson was a great success, and if he were still there he would have the respect of all who know him. He is a man built to be set under authority. His first thought is about what his superiors will think. This country, however, wants a man full of energy and persistence who will demand our rights, and see that they are granted. William Manson keeps on smiling while Bowser cuts the appropriations of Skeena in two. As such he

may be a gentleman, but certainly he is not a fit man to represent northern British Columbia.

Twenty-five officers, one lady private secretary, one assistant lady private secretary, and two orderlies, with the officers' wives and daughters, comprised the party which Col. Hughes, minister of militia, took with him to Europe last fall. The estimated total cost of the trip has been stated by the minister to be \$24,262. Those who are informed state that when all the bills are in the total cost will be vastly in excess of this sum. The officers received for pay of rank \$3,984, and for subsistence and other allowances in addition to a regular salary \$10 a day.

While Col. Sam Hughes was entertaining this gold braided brigade on the Continent, he engaged on an average of seven automobiles per day from the Wolseley Motor Car Co., Ltd. These cars were sent from England to Boulogne and from there conveyed the party over north and northeastern France and other continental countries. The automobiles were with the party from September 3 to October 17, and the total amount paid for automobiles alone was \$6,904.26.

During the years 1912-13 the militia department paid out for repairs, furnishings and upkeep of the automobiles owned by that department in Canada \$8,644.92.

During the summer of 1912 Col. Sam Hughes and Sir Ian Hamilton made a tour of inspection through Canada on a special train with a host of attendants and officers. This trip cost the country \$20,740.

How long can Canada afford to keep so expensive a minister and so wasteful a government?



BRITAIN'S CHIEF DIPLOMAT IN BENTON CASE IN MEXICO

Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, British Ambassador to the U.S. has had many years' experience at the embassies. Spring-Rice was born February 27, 1859. He served as secretary at Brussels, Tokio, Berlin, Constantinople, and was First Secretary at St. Petersburg. He was Minister to Persia, and Minister to Sweden, going to the United States last year. This is a new character sketch by Harry Moyer and is a very striking likeness of the Ambassador.

POLITICAL ROAD BUILDING IN PORTLAND CANAL DISTRICT

MINING MAN WHO IS AFFECTED BY ROTTEN SYSTEM TELLS HOW THE APPROPRIATIONS ARE DISPOSED OF—NO HELP TO MEN DEVELOPING COUNTRY

No doubt some estimable people of British Columbia will be inclined to resent a criticism of the government emanating from an alien. To such I may say that I came here upon the invitation of the people of British Columbia, collectively expressed by their government, and a large fraction of my life is in the community I have helped to develop. I have taken a pride in the progress of the camp, and realizing the necessity of showing results before we could expect a renewal of public support, I have been endeavoring to bring the property in which I am interested to the producing stage. So far this property has shipped twelve tons of ore of a gross value of about \$1800. The coming season I am ready to continue production unless prevented by obstructions pretty closely traceable to the government agency. I consider, therefore, that I am entitled to a hearing on a matter of public policy that directly concerns me. Moreover, for whatever reason it may be, no other person from my section has come forward to call public attention to a demoralizing situation. It was inevitable that the long

and undisputed reign of the Conservative party should develop a political machine with the usual characteristics; moreover the period of inflation from which the country is just emerging afforded the particular soil in which machine methods flourished. In the older settled districts of British Columbia, where a large proportion of the inhabitants live by creative industry, a wholesome respect for public opinion eliminates the grosser features of ring rule; in the newer districts this restriction is lacking, and there is less respect for the proprieties. The machine has a free hand.

This is the condition at Stewart. The principal industry is building roads and trails. The road department is the largest employer of labor. Public opinion is a negligible quantity, there being only a corporal's guard of voters, most of whom are directly or indirectly pensioners of the government. In short, the government dominates the situation. Its local representatives are the inevitable product of the circumstances—pl-

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IS FUR SEAL HERD WORTH PROTECTING?

Seattle Paper Thinks They Are Expensive Enemy of the Salmon

The Seattle P.-I. treats editorially with the question of the fur seal herd of the Pribilof islands, which has cost a lot of money in controversies and in awards to other nations. The P.-I. thinks perhaps they are not worth while. It says:

"As a matter of fact, notwithstanding the many volumes which have been written on the subject, it is an open question whether the seal herd is worth preserving and whether it would not be far better to permit the last of the seal which resort to the Pribilof islands to be killed."

"The fur seal are the most voracious and destructive of all animals. It is the claim of men who have followed sealing for years that the fur seal each kills his weight in food fish every day. They follow the salmon run to the coast each year, and probably kill many times the number of salmon that are taken and used for food. The diminution in the size of the seal herd is believed to be the principal reason why the salmon run remains as great as it is, despite the enormous numbers which are taken for food each year. The complete destruction of the seal herd would mean the extermination of the most voracious and destructive enemy which the salmon have."

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