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Since the beginning of the war the word "moratorium" has sprung into prominence. It is now of special interest because the Canadian government is considering putting one into effect. While a moratorium in general means that creditors cannot shut down on their debtors no two moratoriums are necessarily alike. That is to say a moratorium may cover certain specific lines of credit while others such as rents, taxes, etc., may not be included, or it may be universal in its scope and either applying to accounts contracted for before the moratorium was applied, or to those before and after. Every time one is applied therefore the government specifies the lines of its influence. The ideal one would appear to be that applied by a local judge in which case there would be an examination of each debtor in order to show whether his refusal to pay is justified by his financial standing. Otherwise great hardships might result by debtors taking advantage of their position.

The death of Pope Pius X. will leave regret not only among members of his own church, but throughout the

world generally. Pius X. was perhaps the most moderate, and broadminded Pope that the Roman church has ever had. Besides that he was intensely human, and one of the regrets he had at being confined to the Vatican, was that he could not visit his people. Indeed he made an effort to have this restriction removed. When he failed in this he arranged so that his sisters might have frequent access to his palace.

Who has not noticed the stiff stilted forms of expression used in the legal forms of our courts of law and with a tinge of that early English which brings one back several centuries. The contention has always been that decessions of the court have already determined the exact meaning of these expressions and were they couched in modern language this would have to be gone all over again. While this may be true there is one government at least that is not afraid of the task. Kings Co., Washington, has remodelled all their legal forms, and instead of the language of several centuries ago they use the concise forms of modern English.

MADE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR MINERALS ON GRAHAM ISLAND

J. D. MACKENZIE HAS HAD A PARTY IN THAT DISTRICT ALL SUMMER—CAME OVER WHEN ALBERT WAS WRECKED

J. D. MacKenzie, of the Geological survey of Canada, who returned from Masset with his party, called at The News office yesterday. Mr. MacKenzie during the past two seasons has been engaged in a geological examination of Graham Island, with particular reference to coal and oil resources. During this time his party has mapped in detail the central part of Graham Island from Skidegate Inlet to Masset Inlet, east of the high mountains of the Queen Charlotte range and west of the eastern lowlands.

The map when published will show on a scale of one inch to one mile the areal distribution of the various rock formations of the island. Vertical cross sections will represent the thickness of the different beds of rock, and their relations and structure.

Mr. MacKenzie states that under his instructions he is not allowed to express an opinion as to the economic value of the district investigated, but says that there is a considerable area in the vicinity of Camp Robertson underlain by a coal seam of inferior quality, and that at Camp Wilson the indications are good for a workable body of coal being found by the prospecting now going on. This development work at Camp Wilson is under the direction of Milnor Roberts, Dean of the College of Mines, University of Washington, and is being carried on in a thoroughly scientific and intelligent way, in great contrast to much of the prospecting done on Graham Island during the last few years.

A detailed topographic map of the vicinity of Camp Wilson is



CANADA'S ADVANCE GUARD OFF TO WAR

Departure of the Royal Canadian Regiment (regulars) from Toronto to Halifax where they will remain till the transports are ready to take them to the field of war. The little dog poking his nose through the coach window is one of the mascots of the regiment.

of J. M. MacDonald, M.E. Two diamond drills are at work, and it is evidently the intention of the owners to find out exactly what amount of coal lies concealed around Camp Wilson.

In addition to the detailed work done by the Geological Survey, a reconnaissance examination was made over the whole of Graham Island. During this work the West Coast was visited and some time was spent at Tiau Point and Otard Bay, where black bituminous matter occurs in veins and cavities in basalt and other volcanic rocks called agglomerates. These cavities are termed amygdaloids and range from the size of a pin-head to three feet or more across, and are generally almond shaped. They are usually lined with pale bluish chalcedony and often contain inside of this a crust of clear quartz crystals. There is usually a space in the center of the cavity and it is in being made by Livingston Werneck, M.E., and the active management of the camp is in charge of this that the tar is found. The occurrence of the tar in veins is essentially similar. Mr. MacKen-

zie would express no opinion as to the value of this occurrence as an indication of oil reservoirs occurring at depth.

The Geological Survey party were passengers on the wrecked Prince Albert, and two of the men, Messrs. R. Crumney and H. A. Logan left for Vancouver by the Prince John yesterday evening. Messrs. Victor Dolmage and C. E. Cairnes are at the Prince Rupert Hotel with Mr. MacKenzie. The latter expressed great praise for Capt. MacKenzie of the Prince Albert, and for his officers and crew. There was at no time any sign of panic, the men among the passengers smoking on deck and caring for the women aboard while the crew made ready the boats. About forty minutes after she struck, the rising tide caused the ship to pound in an alarming manner, and it was then that the order was given for the passengers to leave in the boats.

All the passengers got away in the first four boats to leave. Owing to the grounding of the ship, and the considerable sea running, it was a difficult task to get the boats lowered safely. Two of the boats lost the lights of the ship in the fog, and rowed all night, only to find themselves close to the ship and the other boats in the morning.

Mr. MacKenzie stated that the lifeboats were leaky and poorly equipped to leave the ship. He had, however, particular praise for the courage and seamanship of Arthur Thomas, a native of Newfoundland, who with three Nova Scotians and one Greek among the passengers sent off in the fourth lifeboat, rowed and bailed her all night, the others of the thirteen men aboard being too indifferent to their fate to assist even by steering the boat. To Mr. Thomas is due credit for the fact that the disaster was not a much greater tragedy.

GERMANS DELUDED BY REPORTS APPEARING IN BERLIN NEWSPAPERS

Paris, August 21—Berlin newspapers are printing stories to the effect that Paris is in a state of anarchy, France is having a hard time mobilizing her troops; Russia faces a crisis because of the open revolt of Poland, and Japan is siding with Germany by throwing her troops in Siberia, according to a number of Swiss people who arrived yesterday from Berne.

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