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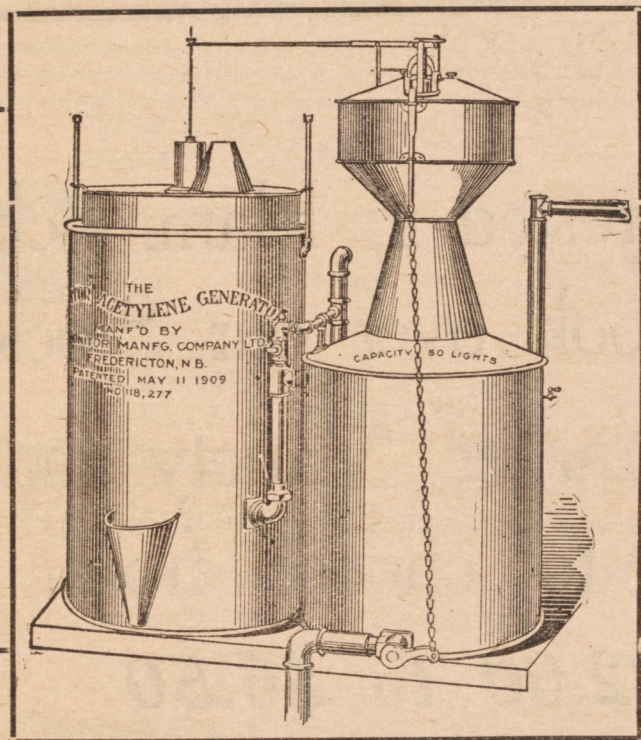
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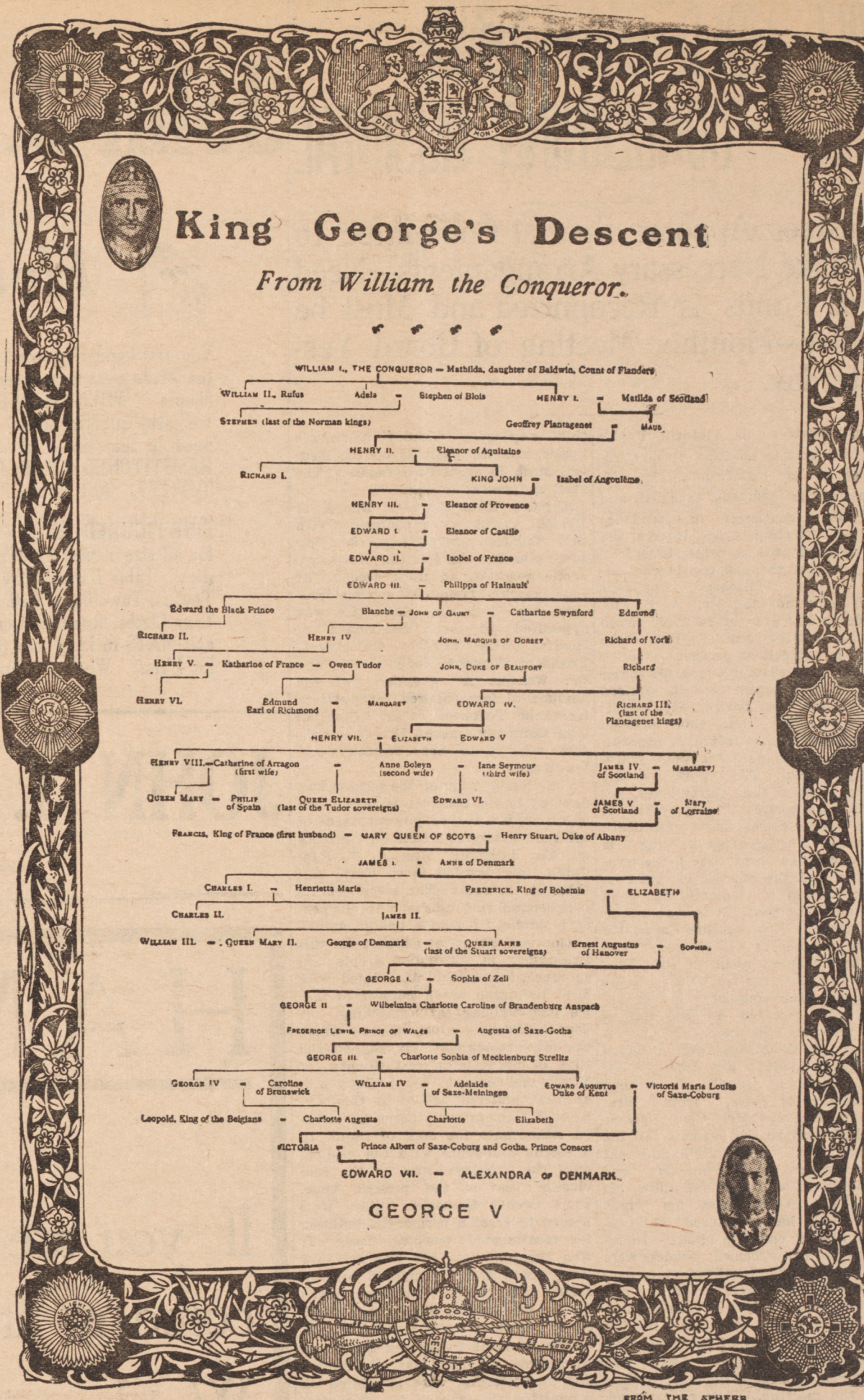
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## VETERANS GRANTS HELD FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES

Veterans are Holding For an Advance in Values and the Country's Development is Retarded—Government is Endeavouring to Improve the Situation by Setting Aside Sixteen Townships for Veterans Locations Exclusively

(Toronto Globe.)

Englehart, June 6.—There are times when the men of the northland succumb to attacks of the "blues." The condition that this particular color is supposed to describe is seldom found in the north, the bracing health-giving air from the forests and the lakes proving altogether too discouraging to the pessimist—but still there are times. And then if you are around you may hear some hardy settler remark regretfully: "It's too mighty bad this country wasn't opened up before Cobalt was discovered," and then as he gives vent to his principal grievance come a few pointed sentences in which you hear "veterans' grants" coupled with a number of expressions that, to tone them down as much as possible, are uncomplimentary.

### THE COMPLAINT OF THE SETTLERS.

It is necessary to drive through the splendid farming country around New Liskeard and Englehart to understand this complaint about the veterans' grants, and to realize the justice of it. Years ago when a generous Government rewarded with free land grants several thousand Canadians who helped to fight Britain's battle in South Africa the north country was not considered seriously as a farming country and the prevailing impression was that the land being given away was of little value. If it did prove to be worth anything, then a good stroke of business had been done in encouraging settlement.

### THE VETERANS STAYED AWAY.

What was not considered was that the returned soldiers, a majority of whom came from the towns and cities, were hardly likely to venture

into a country with all the delightful opportunities of hard work the Temiskaming presented. Nor have they. Throughout the country opened up by the T. & N. O. Railway there are two or three thousand of these veterans' claims, and while a percentage of them are occupied by settlers—a few by the veterans themselves—the great bulk of them are still being held for speculation. What this means in a country where the settlers are struggling to clear up the land and build roads is understood when the terms on which the grants were made are considered.

### THE SETTLER AND THE VETERAN.

The bona-fide settler who takes up a quarter section of land pays fifty cents an acre and undertakes to clear three acres of land, besides living upon the farm for a certain period each year, paying school taxes and contributing to road improvement. The veteran may hold his land indefinitely with no other expense than school taxes. He does not have to clear an acre of land or improve a foot of roadway. For a number of years the handicap that this placed upon the genuine settler was not so apparent but now in the older districts where the farms are being steadily cleared these veterans' grants are in one sense a blot on the landscape. In practically every square mile in the Temiskaming district there is one of these grants and the three farmers on the other quarter sections are carrying the whole burden of road improvement.

### WORKING UNDER A HANDICAP.

The handicap the north country is working under must remain for years to come. The Government is encouraging the men who have taken out locations to secure patents for

them, in which case they are then subject to general taxes. But this is only a partial remedy. The veterans who are holding land on speculation are asking prices that for the most part anticipate future development in the surrounding country, and while the Government has land for settlers on the payment of the nominal price of fifty cents an acre, not many of these quarter-sections will be taken up. There are veterans' grants around New Liskeard that could not be purchased for less than two and three thousand dollars.

### SETTING ASIDE TOWNSHIPS.

For the past few years, however, the situation has been given some attention by the Government, and now the land being located on veterans' scrip is restricted to certain townships set aside for that purpose exclusively. The first of these townships was set aside in 1906, and now there are sixteen of them, forming a solid section in the western part of the district of Temiskaming. The last two were opened on May 2—Kingsmill and Aubin. The Department is also undertaking to see that the settlers attend to their settlement duties, and recently a number of locations on which the holders had failed to comply with the requirements were withdrawn.

### THE MINES AND THE FARMS.

The settler's feeling toward the mines as one influence in retarding the development of the farming country is a mixed one. In the Cobalt camp he has a splendid market for all his produce, but for a few years the camp did much to hold back settlement further north. When silver was discovered in Cobalt, settlers were just beginning to move into the north country, but during the next three or four years farming was given the cold shoulder. Many settlers who had gone upon the land turned prospectors, and went on the hunt for silver. Farmers who owned horses found that they could make good money carrying supplies around the camp, and the forest, for the time, felt secure from the axe.

### SECURING SETTLERS FROM COBALT.

Now, with farming coming into its own, in the north country, the mining camp is no longer a rival. The conditions are, in a way, reversed, for the agricultural townships are securing settlers from Cobalt itself. In the township of Har-ley, about twelve miles from New Liskeard, one of these Cobalters is

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