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Dear Robert, I am en-

closing an article which may be of academic interest to the Economists of your school. I wait with open ears, the answer. When are you on holidays? and Where are you going? I might mention here that for the next two weeks the commercial fishermen have to raise there shore trap nets from the river, and the Angler tourist will have a little better chance at getting those 15 pound salmon. This is so the fish can go upstream to spawn, some get there anyway but with several hundred traps in the lower river I wonder. Lets hear from you and your editor on the opinion of the following Arch McColi.

MONOPOLY ON LAND WITHOUT HAVING TITLE.

IS IT POSSIBLE? Every Economist Graduate of a H.G. School knows the answer to the problem of owning great tracts of land in the rural areas, or the hinterland, or the ~~or the~~ Exceedingly valuable small tracts in the big cities. That is he knows the answer to the "Great Problem" of revenue ~~xxxxxxx~~ for Government, national defense, social security, or what have you that the people want. He knows that if, for the privilege of holding the land, wither for use, or, holding it out of use, the economic rent is paid to the governing authority, in lieu of the taxes they now collect, These Taxing authorities would have many times more dollars of revenue than they now have. The Grad Economist knows that they will have this "Greater Revenue" with a minimum of Tax Getting expense. He also knows that it is not only elimination of govt. unfairness, govt. overstaffing of agencies to spile out the evaders of the many nuisance taxes, Elimination of the time wasting form filling, and answering stupid questions, the elimination of the obstructions to earning and the killing of incentives. He knows that the impetus given the economy, will end unemployment, and racial ~~troubles~~ troubles (which are really only a side issue of unemployment,) - He knows that competition for the use of the site will set the fair value in economic rent that will be paid. He knows the jails will become empty and the nuthouses will be out of business when people are intelligent enough to quit taxing themselves into them.

But here is a poser for the academic mind. Economists being thinkers are always willing to take on a poser such as this one. He is a monopoly that extends a cross International Borders. Mostly if one monopolist owns a railroad, besides being controlled by the R.R. Commission and Interstate Commerce Commission, he must meet free competition by Road transport, Air transport or Water Transport - even pipeline. But here is a good one. Because of this monopoly, this monopolist has managed to get control of the biggest chunk of Oil ~~supply~~ Marketing. The biggest in Construction, shipbuilding and perhaps the biggest in mining because one giant attracts the other and here in New Brunswick is the largest known block of Zinc & Copper mineral land in the World and as can be gathered from the News paper I have enclosed, - celebrating the building of First Combination Ore and Oil Carrier in the world. That is it will carry the ore out from New Brunswick and the oil back in. But the point is that all these are the result of one big MONOPOLY of many years standing. On the map of New Brunswick I have colored the Water Shed of the St. John River with a pink Crayon. This area extends over a quarter of the State of Maine, a big piece of land in Quebec and less than either of Quebec and Maine in the Province of New Brunswick. It is the Navigation control of the St. John River for the purpose of floating logs or pulp wood. By the nature of these forest products, they must travel by river, or the transportation cost will price them out of the market. and this pink area which I have colored on the accompanying map is mainly inhabited by pulpwood producers, which must follow the rivers into the Control of J.C. Irving who controls the rights on the St. John river. He buys, handles process their pulp. American or Canadian, if they must eat they must work and produce pulp for Irving. It cannot be said that he has used his privilege to squeeze the producer unduly. He must pay enough to keep them from picking up their belongings and heading west. He pays enough to keep them at work for that is his greatest desire that they keep working to make pulp for J.C. Irving. But how much better would they be with a free river.

Now, My Economic friends - supply the answer. What can be done for a State of Maine Producer who must sell to a Canadian Monopolist?

My answer is Drastic - New Brunswick should Annex the State of Maine. Then the U.S. should eliminate the International Border, and move Washington to James Bay, where summer Senate sessions could be held.