

DEPARTMENT OF MINES—*Con.*

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7189.

Proposed to combine the present Geological Survey branch and the Mines branch of the Interior in one department—7189. Inclined to think that the mining interest is greater than the Geological Survey—7190. There is to be another department, but not an additional minister—7191. A few things the mines branch has done during the past few years; electric smelting—7193. It was carried on on a scale sufficient to demonstrate its commercial practicability—7194. The wording of clause 3 copied from the Act creating the Department of Labour—7195. Want a Department of Mines, but not to create an additional portfolio—7196. There will be no immediate increase in expenditure; Mr. Low is deputy head of the Geological Survey—7197. There will be only one deputy head in the mines branch—7198. His idea is to appoint deputy head to the survey and allow Mr. Low to become deputy minister—7199. Mr. Low was in no way responsible for the arrangement by which Dr. Spencer was appointed—7200. Dr. Low can take his choice—7201. Foster not quite accurate—7213. Not inclined to accede to Foster's suggestion—7212. Are simply improving the status of the mining industry—7213. Did not say Dr. Haanel would be director of mines; his high qualifications—7214. Has not seen the fuller reports of which Foster speaks—7215. Proposes to retain the name Geological Survey in the amendment—7216. Quite willing to adopt any wording to provide against the appointment of a new minister—7217. I said we were not going to increase the number of ministers—7218. It will be a minister administering another department at the present time—7219. There will be no additional expense at the present time, nor additional officers—7230. The first clause transfers to the department all laws enacted by parliament relating to mines—7221. The mines branch of the Interior Department administer the mining law—7222. Moves the names be Mines Branch and the Geological Survey—7223. But does not give us that right 7224. This only describes what the functions of the mines branch will be—7226. The clause covers what Armstrong wants; no need to say 'gas and petroleum wells'—7227. Section 12 and the rest of the Bill is from the Geological Bill—7228. It will take some months to get properly organized—7229. Section 10 an exact copy of section 14 of the Geological Survey Act—7230. Has adopted the language of the Labour Act for section 3—7252. Sproule's suggestion was to adopt the language of the Conciliation Act—7253. Thinks the amendment covers the point—7254. Moves to substitute 'the head of one of the present departments of the government of Canada'—7255.

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Consideration of Senate amendments.—Hon. W. S. Fielding—7840.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7840.

Rather an incongruous arrangement, it is the Geology and Mines Act, yet the title has not been altered—7840-1.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—7840.

Explains the amendments—7840. The title of the Bill has not been changed—7841.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT, 1900, AMENDMENT—COMPULSORY VOTING.

Introduction of Bill (No. 16)—Macdonell, A. Claude (South Toronto)—612.

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Bill provides for compulsory voting and for time for employees to vote—612.

DOMINION LANDS ACT AMENDMENT.

Bill (No. 21) second reading—Hon. Frank Oliver—4669, 4785, 4865, 4903.

Adamson, A. J. (Humbolt)—4754.

A great deal of timber has been destroyed owing to the fact that people could not enter for certain lands—4754. They burn the timber and destroy it—4755.

Alcorn, G. C. (Prince Edward)—4749.

Under the wording of the clause, Oliver might arbitrarily cancel the homestead two miles above the dam—4749. I would suggest that the right of cancellation should be at a specified time after report upon survey—4755. It would involve the right to cancel a homestead two or three miles up the dam—4756. It would be better to deal with this case by general regulations—4910. Presenting special cases to the minister should be avoided—4911. The minister should confine himself to taking power to settle the dispute as to entry—4913. Supposes in any case the decision of the minister would be binding—4915. Either party should have a right to demand the taking of evidence on both sides—4918. The taking of evidence only should be delegated to the county judge—4920. These applications are for new homesteads which are worth a considerable amount of money—4921. His proposal would give a chance of placing the evidence properly before the minister—4922. The decision depends to some extent on the value of the improvements—4923. A judge should investigate the facts, get the truth and present it to the minister—4924. Thinks the district or county judge will be numerous enough to meet the requirements—4925. If one party demands that the evidence be taken, the other must appear—4926.

Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—4678.

What does Oliver do about those parts of the country where the railway companies have had the right to select?—4678. Is it expected that if a Hudson