

from this work; if liberal, the results may be more satisfactory. I am not opposing the Bill; I simply make these remarks by way of suggestion. I understand that this Bill applies to placer mining. Is any other kind of mining carried on in the Yukon?

Mr. A. THOMPSON (Yukon): Yes, we mine silver, copper and coal. We mined tungsten during the war and there are large antimony deposits there. This Bill refers only to placer mining and this particular amendment to ground that has already been prospected and abandoned, has reverted to the Crown, and has been lying idle for years. The amendment is intended to devise a method under which these areas can be prospected by the use of power drills and acquired and worked by larger groups where larger capital is required. It is the prospecting itself that requires the money. This ground has already been prospected by the ordinary methods, and enough gold has not been found to warrant the development of the property. By using power drills and making these drill holes at various intervals throughout these claims, possibly getting a group of claims together, it is hoped that ground which is now idle will be made to produce.

Mr. CAHILL: And how much money would it be necessary for a man to have before the commissioner would allow him to take up a claim?

Mr. THOMPSON: It is hoped that a group of placer miners will be able to say to the Gold Commissioner: We are willing to pay this \$25 and to do \$1,000 worth of work per mile on this ground. The power drills cost from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Mr. CAHILL: Can they be rented?

Mr. THOMPSON: Well, some of these drills are not being used just now and in a limited way those who desire to engage in the work might be able to rent them. A group of prospectors might be able to use their own labour and sink shafts by the ordinary methods. It is not absolutely necessary that power drills should be used, but it is expected that they will chiefly be used for this purpose.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

INSPECTION AND SALE ACT AMENDMENT.

House again in Committee on Bill No. 104, to amend the Inspection and Sale Act (as amended by Select Standing Committee

on Agriculture).—Hon. Mr. Tolmie—Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

On section 1—sections prescribing sizes of apple barrels, fruit boxes, etc., penalty section, and section authorizing minister to appoint inspectors, etc., repealed.

Mr. FIELDING: I notice that clause 326 provides that the Minister of Agriculture may make regulations for purposes that are set forth in the section. The other day the point was taken that perhaps we are calling too often upon the Governor in Council to make regulations; but as in this section penalties are imposed and as these are regulations which really form part of the Criminal law of the country, I would suggest to my hon. friend that his regulations should be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

Mr. TOLMIE: I have no objection to that.

Mr. FIELDING: I am making this suggestion only because the clause is penal in its character. I notice also that in this clause the expression is used "packages containing fruit for sale in Canada." Is it quite certain, when a package is made, that the fruit is to be sold in Canada or elsewhere? There is no distinction. A man may make a box intended to contain fruit for sale in Canada and he may sell it in Europe, or he may make a box to contain fruit for sale in Europe and he may sell it in Canada. Will there not be a difficulty in carrying out the regulation?

Mr. TOLMIE: Under this Bill we control entirely the nature of packages for sale in Canada; but in the event of an exporter showing to the department that it is necessary to have a special form of package to meet the requirements of some market to which Canada wishes to export, then if his claim has merit, permission will be granted to him to ship in a special package to meet the requirements of the market in which he wishes to sell.

Mr. FIELDING: The minister has assented to a suggestion of mine—I did not move it—that his regulation should be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council. I understood the minister would make the motion.

Mr. TOLMIE: I move to amend clause 326 by adding after the words "Minister of Agriculture," in the first line thereof, the following words "subject to the approval of the Governor in Council."