

WAYS AND MEANS—WRECK OF THE GOLSPIE.

On motion to go into Ways and Means, Mr. A. C. Boyce brings up the wreck of the 'Golspie'—1097.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—1097.

Reads 'The Wreck of the Golspie' was a horrible affair, from the 'Globe'—1097-8. Was left out in the open for three days with a thermometer of 45 below, insufficient clothing and food—1099. The people of this country demand the strictest investigation—1100. How is it the minister allowed the humane provisions of this statute to be disregarded by his officer—1101. Stricter inspectors wanted, boats going up and down that are not fit to be exposed to such danger—1102. Squandering thousands of dollars with, no reason except to affect future elections—1103. Reads a letter from F. Gourdeau—1104. Expected the minister to be more active than he has been in this important matter—1105. It was an American boat the 'Osceolo' that was brought over here—1106. Sometime last spring—1107.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1102.

Who is the officer of my department there—1102. All instructions given for making as thorough an investigation as possible—1105. Why should he criticise the department with regard to inspection when he does not even know that it was a Canadian boat—1106. Lack of fairness in the criticism where the department has been doing all it could—1107.

Fielding, Hon. W.S. (Finance Minister)—1094.

Makes the motion in order to give hon. members an opportunity of bringing up certain matters—1097.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1106.

It was an American boat entered within at Owen Sound or Hamilton—1106. She was inspected by a Canadian inspector at Hamilton—1107.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4524.

May I be allowed to ask if the Bronson and Roy concession, which was discussed here has been cancelled?—4524.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4535.

If this annual function is usually interesting it is much more so this year for two reasons—4535. Just so long as this House will hold the government responsible for the administration of that council—4536. I protest against such a thing as that operating to keep the people of the Yukon from having the right to elect their own council at as early a date as possible—4537. The trend today seems to be to discourage the small miner and to place matters in the hands of the capitalist—4538. What reason is

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there if theoretically or practically, we need a commissioner of the Yukon, that he should not be there attending to duties—4539. He gave his tabulation of the reports, and showed the very considerable discrepancy that had occurred—4540. Oliver has not given us any information in reference to it—4541. The influences on family life and on growing children ought to be as carefully looked after as possible; reads the Rev. Mr. Pringle's letter—4542. I have greater faith every hour I live in the unknown and unexplored portions of the Dominion—4543.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—4527.

I am sure the House and the country are interested in this far northwestern corner of the Dominion—4527. All that has yet been attempted in the Yukon in the way of government has been to meet the conditions as they existed—4528. There is no doubt on the part of this government in regard to the propriety of giving a fully elective council when the time arrives—4529. Violent appeals are being made through the newspapers for an interference on the part of this government with the control of local affairs in the Yukon—4530. A large number of hydraulic concessions were granted—4531. In pursuance of that policy, some six leases were cancelled—4532. I understand, and the cases will be tried in the Exchequer Court at the earliest date possible—4533. I am satisfied that prospecting has received considerable impetus from the passing of that Act—4534. I can say that Thompson has given expression to the general policy of the government that communication with the Yukon must and will be kept up—4535.

Thompson, A. (Yukon Territory)—4519.

Until last year the future of that territory, as regard the quantity of gold tory, as regards the quantity of gold less problematical—4519. This if I am correct indicates an amount of gold still contained in the hills and valleys of that region equal to \$75,000,000—4520. It has produced over \$120,000,00 in the past ten years; quotes resolution of the Yukon Liberal Council—4521. The trouble with the present Yukon council is that it is not sufficiently representative—4522. The knowledge that these men possessed at that time was absolutely insufficient to justify them in forming the opinion they expressed—4523. But the ground is still locked up, and what we in that territory want is that the ground shall be worked—4524. It is cancelled by the government, but not thrown open I understand it is in litigation—4525. Another thing which is of vital interest to that country is telegraphic communication—4526. I would suggest that the wireless cover that section where the greatest number of breaks have occurred—4527.