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gold to all strata of society.

After the debate had continued for

a few minutes the minister of edu-

cation moved that an amendment be

introduced providing for the disposi-

tion of the royalties on timber, coal

and mineral.

The leader of the opposition pointed

out that, according to some sayings,

the amendment would be a good

thing. After some alterna-

tions it was suggested that the

revenue derived from said lands

or from the sale or other disposition

thereof be put in the hands of the

university, to be devoted to the main-

tenance of said university of the fol-

lowing facilities:

The amendment and the section car-

ried by a substantial majority.

Mr. Macdonald moved that section

one should be re-opened and that the

title of the bill should be changed to

"University Endowment Act of 1907."

This, he suggested, should be

substituted for the present title, nam-

ely, the "University of British Colum-

bia Aid Act, 1907." The proposal

was put in the form of an amend-

ment, accepted by the government and

carried.

On motion the committee rose and

reported the bill complete with amend-

ments.

Addition to Committee.

The finance minister moved that the

name of H. B. Thomson be added to

the municipal committee. He did

this because of the absence of Mr.

McPhillips, who would be away, he

thought, for the remainder of the

session.

Bill Submitted.

Mr. Oliver introduced a bill to

amend the Municipal act. It was

received and read a first time.

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3. Department has no statistics re-

garding this.

4. No definite returns, but number

might be estimated at upwards of four

thousand.

Mr. Oliver asked the honorable,

attorney-general, the following ques-

tion:

Has Mr. H. A. Bull, hotel-keeper of

Heriot Bay, been appointed a justice

of the peace?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as fol-

lows:

Yes.

Moved Amendment.

Mr. Macdonald moved on the motion

"that the speaker do now leave the

chair" to amend the motion by adding

the following clause: "and that the

speaker do now leave the chair."

"But this house regrets that the gov-

ernment has not seen fit to introduce

legislation providing that the mineral

taxes collected, and to be collected in

the future, from the owners of mines

situate within the corporate limits of

the City of Rossland be divided with

the said municipality, so as to give

to said municipality a fair share

thereof for school and other mun-

icipal purposes."

He said that after the long debate

he did not propose taking up much

of the time of the house. There

were a few things which he wished to

mention, not with the idea of criticiz-

ing, but of pointing out the fact that

the expenditure of the mining concern

should be free from any taxation. As

the result it was impossible for the

municipality to have a fair share

thereof. He said that the taxation

would be done by other municipalities

on factories or such enterprises with-

in their houses. He said that the

taxation would be a bad, vicious prin-

ciple.

At this juncture the finance minis-

ter interrupted, drawing attention to

the fact that of the \$350,000 included

in the estimates, only \$101,000 had

been expended up to the 1st of March.

He pointed out that the

house had been consulted. This was

the fact that the country was being

governed by order-in-council and by

the issuance of treasury warrants. This

he affirmed, was a "bad, vicious prin-

ciple."

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taxation of the houses. He said that

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Mr. Macdonald stated that he did

not find fault with the government

for expending money on the enter-

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