

SECOND READING.

Bill (YY) An Act respecting the Crown Life Insurance Company.—(Hon. Mr. Lougheed.)

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (116) An Act to amend the Exchequer Court Act.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

Bill (112) An Act to amend the Railway Act as respects the constitution of the Board of Railway Commissioners.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

Bill (152) An Act respecting Signal Dues at Halifax.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

Bill (158) An Act respecting the Meaford Harbour.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

Bill (163) An Act to authorize the Exchange of School Lands for other Dominion Lands.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock, to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 20, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

FISHING LEASES IN NORTHWEST WATERS.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.) inquired:

1. If the leases for fishing in the lakes and rivers in the Northwest give an entire monopoly in such waters to the lessees?

2. Do the leases forbid assignment to other persons?

3. Are any rights reserved to settlers and farmers in the neighbourhood of such waters to take fish for home consumption?

4. Have any privileges been given the whaling company operating in the Pacific ocean west of Vancouver island? If so, what are they?

He said: I may say with regard to these questions that I hope the government has not given power to make assignments of leases on the Northwest rivers and lakes, and I hope the statement which I have heard that the United States people have been permitted to buy these leases is not correct. I should have included Indians in this question, and I hope reservations have been made to allow Indians to take fish

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for their sustenance in those lakes, and it will be a great boon to the settlers also if they are permitted to take the fish from the lakes.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The answers are as follows:

1. No entire monopoly or exclusive rights are conveyed.

2. Yes, without permission of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, or except to the transferee stipulated in the lease.

3. Yes, to settlers, Indians, tourists and employees of the Hudson Bay Company.

4. None beyond those covered by the requisite license under which whale factories are operated.

The conditions under which such licenses are issued are set out in section 9 of the Fisheries Act.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—These answers are highly satisfactory, and I am glad to receive them.

MONEY PAID TO THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS inquired:

What is the total amount of money paid up to May 1, 1908, to the International Railway of New Brunswick, including also the Restigouche and Western Railway, out of the public funds of Canada on subsidy account?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The total amount of money paid to the Intercolonial Railway of New Brunswick, including also the Restigouche and Western Railway on subsidy account, up to May 1, 1908, is \$178,408.07.

LEASING OF COAL LANDS.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.) moved:

1. That in the opinion of the Senate the regulations of the Department of the Interior respecting the leasing of coal lands should be amended so as to limit the acreage to be leased to any one person from 2,560 acres to one-quarter of that quantity.

2. That care should be exercised to prevent fraud and deception by applicants for leases making application in false or real names for more sections of land than one. That any person or persons practicing deception in making applications for a lease in a false name, or names, should be punished by withholding a lease—if not by prosecution.

He said: This is a highly important question, in the interests of the whole coun-