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THURSDAY, April 22, 1909.

The Committee met at 0 o'clock, p.m.

*Present*:—Messrs. Conmee, Chairman; Blondin, Burrell, Congdon, Goodeve, Gordon (Nipissing), Herron, Loggie, McCarthy, Maddin, Rhodes, Smyth, Stratton and Templeman.—14.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. J. B. Tyrrell and B. A. C. Craig of Toronto, and Dr. A. E. Barlow of Montreal, representatives of the Canadian Mining Institute were present and made statements regarding the mining laws, &c. The foregoing at the request of the Chairman, promised to furnish the Committee with a written statement embodying their views with respect to certain deficiencies in the existing mining laws and regulations.

Messrs. R. W. Brock, Director of the Geological Survey, and J. M. Clark, K.C., Toronto, were also present and gave their views regarding the mining laws, &c.

On motion of Honourable Mr. Templeman, it was

Ordered, That a report be made to the House recommending that the quorum of the Committee be reduced from 10 to 7 members.

On motion of Mr. Rhodes, it was

Ordered, That at the next meeting the Committee take up the mining regulations and the mining law affecting the Yukon and consider section by section with a view to reporting to the House as to the advisability of making such changes as are necessary or of drafting a uniform mining Act.

The Committee then adjourned to the call of the chair.

JAMES CONMEE,  
*Chairman.*

MONDAY, May 17, 1909.

The Committee met at 4 o'clock, p.m.

*Present*:—Messrs. Conmee, chairman; Burrell, Congdon, Goodeve, Herron, McIntyre (Strathcona), Rhodes, Smith (Nanaimo), Stratton and Templeman.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman submitted a communication from Mr. J. B. Tyrrell suggesting the enactment of mining laws best suited to encourage the exploration and development of the mineral resources of Canada. (Printed on page 65.)

The Chairman read a memorandum recommending the preparation, during recess of parliament, of a statute embodying certain provisions for the regulation of the sale or lease of mining lands and rights.

On motion of Mr. Smith (Nanaimo), it was

Ordered, That the proceedings and the evidence taken before the Committee be printed.

On motion of Mr. Congdon, it was

Ordered, That the following be reported to the House:

1. That there should be assigned to the Mines Department the administration of mines, including the issue of title thereto and of all mining laws.
2. That an Act should be passed consolidating all the laws relating to mines under federal control.
3. That consideration should be given to a policy which will have for its object the re-acquisition by the Crown of mining rights heretofore granted in patents of land.

The Committee then adjourned, *sine die*.

JAMES CONMEE,  
*Chairman.*