

THE ALIEN LABOR BILL

Why the Minister of Justice Would Not Recommend Its Coming Into Effect.

Report of the Privy Council to the Governor General Upon the Subject.

In the legislature yesterday the following correspondence in regard to the Alien Labor bill passed last session was laid before the house.

The first letter is one dated March 25, 1898, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the minister of justice, at Ottawa.

Extract from a report of the privy council approved by the Governor-General, December 15, 1897.

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ed in section 22 of the British North America act, it may be regarded as included in the subjects belonging to the exclusive authority of the Dominion.

For the reasons already stated the undersigned is not prepared to recommend any action on the part of your excellency.

W. H. LOMAS.

THE VAN ANDA SMELTER.

Arrival of the Experts for the Purpose of Establishing the Works.

Harry Whitney Treat, treasurer, has just arrived from New York, with four smelter men, to prepare the buildings and ground at Van Anda City.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Redistribution Bill Brought Down by Message From the Lieutenant Governor.

Dominion Asked to Refuse Railway Charters Unless Provincial Consent is Obtained.

THURSDAY, April 14. The proceedings in the legislature were enlivened by a little passage at arms over the dispute as to the adjournment on the previous day.

The Speaker took the chair at eleven minutes past two o'clock and Rev. Dr. Campbell was just coming forward to read the prayers.

Mr. Semlin, however, said he considered to-day a prolongation of the sitting opened the previous day, and that the house was now in the same position as at six o'clock yesterday.

Mr. Forster went on to say that the motion to adjourn being defeated, there was no adjournment and there was understanding at what time to meet, it could be half-past seven the same evening.

Mr. Higgins explained that his real intention was to have the house meet at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Kennedy took the same view as Mr. Forster of the matter.

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Mr. Kellee said the government had exceeded their powers and besides this Mr. Corbin had not complied with the act.

Mr. Cotton claimed that the correspondence would have been brought down long before it had and put the blame on the Attorney-General for the delay.

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THE CANADIAN ROUTE.

From Present Indications the Stikine Will Be Opened to Navigation Within a Fortnight.

Few Mishaps Among the Many Advancing Klondikers—Mr. Saunders' Experience.

John Clarke, one of the most experienced frontiersmen of the Cassiar country, and a well known trader of Wrangell, arrived there from Telegraph Creek on the 18th inst.

All the Mackenzie & Mann outfit, he says, have arrived safely at Telegraph Creek, having lost but one team of horses through the ice while making the journey up-river.

The ice is going to pieces all along the river, and now altogether unsafe for travel. From present indications if a cold snap does not intervene, Mr. Clarke expects that the river will be open for steamboat navigation by the 25th of the present month—an exceptionally early date.

An interesting passenger by the Islander yesterday was M. H. Saunders, who came down the Stikine on the ice last fall.

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RE-DISTRIBUTION

An Increase of Four Members of the Assembly.

Island Constituency Unchanged—Two Cassiar.

Vancouver City, Esquimalt, Kootenay Each in Representation.

The specially important session of the present session of the legislature of British Columbia, will be the last of the session.

The result is to cut down the number of members of the legislature from thirty-seven to thirty-two.

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