

# House of Commons Debates

## THIRD SESSION—TENTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, March 1, 1907.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### PAPERS RE SUB-TARGET GUNS.

Hon. GEO. E. FOSTER. I beg leave to renew the motion I made yesterday that the return to the House with reference to the purchase of 250 sub-target guns be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for investigation.

Hon. Sir FREDERICK BORDEN (Minister of Militia and Defence). I quite concur.

Motion agreed to.

#### CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LAND BELT, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 102) to ratify an agreement between the government of Canada and the government of British Columbia respecting the western boundary of the Railway Belt. He said: This is simply a formal Bill carrying out an agreement entered into between this government and the government of British Columbia as to the actual delimitation of the western boundary of the Canadian Pacific Railway land belt.

#### KAIEN ISLANDS TITLE—PAPERS.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I do not remember at this moment whether or not a motion was made in connection with the Kaien Islands title.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). I think papers are down.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Could the minister inform me whether the papers as brought down contain the particulars of the title? It was said that this government had given a certain title, whatever it could, to the Grand Trunk Pacific as I understood.

Mr. OLIVER. I think that is down. I have not really looked through the papers to see, but I am satisfied it is in.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I shall look it up myself and remind the minister.

#### PREVENTION OF STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS.

House again in committee on Bill (No. 36) to aid in the prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts in mines and industries connected with public utilities.—Mr. Lemieux.

On section 24—where settlement effected, memorandum of same with report to be forwarded to minister.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I understand that my hon. friend from West Lambton (Mr. Pardee) has an amendment to move.

Mr. PARDEE. I wish to move that this section be amended by inserting after the word 'authorized' in line 31 the following words: 'and shall, if the parties so agree, be binding as if made as a recommendation of the board under section 55 of this Act.'

Mr. LEMIEUX. Will my hon. friend explain the purpose of the amendment?

Mr. PARDEE. The question was raised by the hon. leader of the opposition the other day, what would happen if, after convening the board, and proceeding with the case, the parties should come to an agreement between themselves. Several suggestions were made, and I remarked that if that should happen it would be exactly the same as a settlement by consent in an ordinary civil case before the courts, and the terms of the agreement should be as binding on the parties as if it were a recommendation of the board. After discussion, it was thought that that might possibly savour of compulsion, and both the employer and the employee might be bound by something that they had not intended to be bound by. The amendment I propose provides that if, after the board has been convened and proceedings have commenced, and possibly some evidence has been taken, the parties should come to an agreement between themselves, that shall have the same force and effect as a recommendation of the board if they agree to that, while if they do not agree to that, then it will not be a recommendation of the board, but simply a private agreement between themselves.