

Mr. Griesbach) called the attention of the Senate to a despatch from Buffalo to the effect that Commander Donald B. MacMillan intended to chart some of the inland lakes of Baffin Island during the course of the present summer, and "perhaps give them some good Yankee names." There is an ordinance of the North West Territories to the effect that no scientist or explorer may enter the North West Territories without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Commissioner of the said Territories. In the case of MacMillan and his party the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would be requested to see that the terms of this ordinance were fully complied with. Commander MacMillan, because of previous explorations in northern Canada, is well aware of the requirements in this regard, as he has taken out permits in previous years.

For some time the press has contained articles outlining the expedition which Commander MacMillan and Commander E. F. McDonald intended making this year to Baffin Island. Through a letter transmitted by the High Commissioner's Office in London, our Government was advised that Commander McDonald had written to the Royal Geographical Society offering to fly over Baffin Island and map certain sections, either officially or unofficially, using a Fairchild's camera, upon the understanding that the names given to the newly mapped geographical detail would be officially accepted.

This matter was referred to the Department of the Interior, and a communication was sent to Commander McDonald pointing out that all names of geographical features in Canadian territory must be submitted to the Geographic Board and accepted by it before the names would become official. Commander McDonald replied, on the 11th ultimo, that his plans for the exploration of the interior of Baffin Island had been abandoned entirely, for this year at least, because of the fact that there was not manufactured an amphibian aeroplane satisfactory for this work. Commander McDonald stated further that had his plan been carried out as first anticipated he would have made formal application.

YUKON QUARTZ MINING BILL

THIRD READING

Bill 343, an Act to amend the Yukon Quartz Mining Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Graham.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, June 11, 1929.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable gentlemen, I anticipated that two Bills passed by the Commons would be here to-night, one an amendment to the Fisheries Act, and the other an amendment to the Criminal Code. It seems, however, that they are not here; consequently we have nothing to proceed with. Would honourable gentlemen mind adjourning during pleasure, so that I may make inquiries about these Bills? There may be some delay that should not occur.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU: They may be in transit.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Would it be agreeable to suspend the sitting for fifteen minutes or thereabouts?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: As to the Fisheries Bill I have no objection, but I may tell you frankly that I will raise an objection to the Criminal Code Bill.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I move that we adjourn during pleasure, so that I may find out where these Bills are.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I have a legal and constitutional objection to the Criminal Code Bill and will not facilitate it. As to the other Bill, we are quite ready to spend the evening on it and to facilitate its passage.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: My motion is that we adjourn during pleasure. It will be for just a few moments.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

FISHERIES BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 26, an Act to amend the Fisheries Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Graham.

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, I may explain that the delay in sending the Fisheries Bill and the Criminal Code Bill to us was due to neglect on the part of officials. These Bills have been ready since this morning.