

YUKON PLACER MINING ACT—AMENDMENT—*Con.*

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5704.

The Yukon Placer Mining Act dealt with placer miner but not with questions of dredging—5704. Object of present Act to enable them to amend the dredging regulations—5705. Unfortunately some people have lost their rights and they do not propose to interfere in this case 5706. They have just enough water to float them and they are dredging in dry ground—5707. The individual miner is not operating the strip between high and low water to any great extent—5708. The time has come when we may very well insist either on operation or cancellation—5709. Not to remove them from placer mining, but apply dredging regulations—5710. May make regulations that will enable the dredge miner to work it—5711. An individual miner would not stake ground unless he was satisfied there was good pay in it—5712. Present regulations do not contemplate that there shall be a specific amount of work done—5713. Privileges already granted have not been such as to induce effective operations—5714. Must make expenditure and work your claim or you cannot hold it—5715. Want to confine dredging operations to the proper bed of the river at high water—5716. The Placer Mining Act as it stands does not admit of amendments of dredging regulations—5717.

Porter, E. Guss. (W. Hastings)—5715.

What assurance is there that the desired object will be attained by making this extension?—5715. Do the lessees say this will encourage dredging?—5716.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—5714.

Will this exclude the possibility of the placer miner taking up this ground in future?—5714.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5708.

They will soon have control of all the mining locality—5708. You are giving him a concession you are not giving the placer miner—5709. Suppose he sells it to the dredger—5710. Asks the value of work to be done on a placer mine—5712. The unfairness lies in the fact that the placer miner is limited—5713. The result is he may hold it as long as he likes without doing any work—5714.

Thompson, A. (Yukon)—5708.

Expect to have fourteen dredges in operation within a year—5708. That kind of work does not come under the dredging regulations at all—5709. Area and condition of a placer mine—5712. At the present time a dredging lease may be given on any streams—5713. Not unless he stakes it, as a placer miner stakes his—5714. This Bill provides that their areas shall be only within the natural banks of the stream—5716.

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Senate amendments to Bill 135—*Hon. Frank Oliver*—7544.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7544.

The difficulty is one does not exactly understand what it means—7544. At present there is a statement exactly the reverse of what was intended—7545.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7545.

There is plenty of time to send it back—7545.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—7544.

The amendment carries out the principle of the Bill, but provides for further publicity after abandonment—7544. Let it stand awhile till a proper clause can be drafted—7545.

Moves an amendment to the Senate amendment—7579.