

to 250 feet in length, the side boundaries to be lines along bed rock three feet above the edge of the creek or lowest general level of the gulch.

2. By an order in council, dated the 21st of March, 1898, quartz mining claims on Dominion lands were increased to 1,500 feet in length by 1,500 feet in breadth.

3. By an order in council, dated the 12th of September, 1898, provision was made for granting entry for copper mining locations in the Yukon territory, having an area of 160 acres in a square block.

4. By an order in council, dated the 20th February, 1899, provision was made that one discoverer of a new mine should receive a claim 1,000 feet long, and a party of two discoverers two claims amounting altogether to 1,500 feet, also that creek or gulch claims should extend 1,000 feet on each side of the creek or gulch, and that river and hill claims should be 1,000 feet in depth.

THE DUTY ON LUMBER.

On the motion :

That in the opinion of this House, duties should be levied upon lumber imported into Canada corresponding with those now existing upon lumber entering the United States.—Mr. Bennett.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). Stand.

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). I have no objection that this motion should stand, but I would remind the House that this is the fourth time the order has been called, and if we are to have a short session, I think my hon. friend (Mr. Borden) will agree with me that the government will have to ask for another day very shortly.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). The hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) is not in the House now, and that is the reason the motion cannot be proceeded with to-day.

The PRIME MINISTER. Very well, it stands.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GENERAL HUTTON AND LT.-COL. SAM. HUGHES.

On the order being called for return of correspondence, &c., between General Hutton and Lt.-Col. Sam. Hughes.—Mr. Hughes.

Mr. S. HUGHES (North Victoria). I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that this matter should be allowed to stand for some time yet, as there are two letters which I have not now in my possession, and for which I have written to the other side of the water. If the right hon. gentleman allows the motion to stand for a few days more, I shall be prepared to take it up.

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). It stands for to-day.

Mr. SIFTON.

TELEGRAPH LINE BETWEEN BENNETT AND DAWSON.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER moved for :

Return of all reports made by Mr. Charleson respecting telegraph construction work formerly or now under his charge; showing also the names of men employed under him between Bennett and Dawson and the nationality of each so far as possible; the wages and allowances for each man so employed; particulars as to any strikes on the part of the men for higher wages; the names of parties who supplied the poles for the telegraph wire; and copies of all contracts and correspondence respecting the same; whether standing trees en route have been used for stringing wires, and if so, for what distance approximately, in comparison with the distance where poles were used; how many poles were paid for, how many of those paid for were not used for the telegraph line; whether the line-men employed at Dawson, Ogilvie, Selwyn, Selkirk, Five Fingers, Lower LeBarge and Tagish are British subjects, and if not, the nationality of each; the names of sub-contractors for the supply of poles, and the residence of each sub-contractor, and all contracts respecting the same; the terms of charter of ss. W. S. Stratton, the charterer's name and all papers respecting the same; the name of her master and acting master and his nationality; the terms of the charter party; the use made of this steamer, whether she was used for supplies or otherwise, and what boats other than scows were so used; how many scows were used and on what terms; the amount charged or paid for transportation by water outside of the ss. Stratton, the length of time during construction Mr. Charleson was actually present with the construction party; the particulars as to purchase of ss. Lullie C., the purchase, disposal or sale or transfer of the boat and the terms thereof respectively; copies of all reports and correspondence respecting the same; the arrangement for supplies made and with whom; the arrangement at Bennett respecting pay for men's time returning from Dawson; the amount already paid for the line under Mr. Charleson's charge; copies of accounts rendered and of accounts paid in connection with this telegraph work, the rate of pay first and now allowed A. Boyer, assistant to Mr. Charleson; also a statement showing where Mr. Charleson places his orders in Vancouver in this connection and on what terms, and what commissions, if any, are paid on these supplies, and to whom; the name of Mr. Charleson's agent at Vancouver in this connection; the quantity of supplies obtained by Mr. Charleson from the United States; whether Mr. Charleson's son was paid \$350 or other amount or amounts for expenses of a trip to Ottawa or otherwise, and whether he is or was then an employee of the government; whether Mr. Charleson awards contracts to his foreman, and whether the foreman's expenses were paid into the locality of operations at government expense, and whether tenders are asked for in this connection; and all contracts, reports, and papers respecting contracts let by Mr. Charleson or under his supervision in connection with the telegraph line from Bennett to Dawson.

He said : In moving for the papers in connection with this matter, one or two words are due by way of explanation, and I think an explanation is also due from the Minister of Public Works (Hon. Mr.