

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

FORTY-NINTH DAY.

Wednesday, April 21, 1897.

The speaker took the chair at 2 p.m.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Percival Jenne.

Hon. Col. Baker presented a return relating to water records granted to A. Heinze, the Reo Mining Company and the Noble Five Mining Company.

Mr. Booth submitted a report of the private bills committee, reporting the preamble of the bill to incorporate the Okeanang Water Power Company, and the bill to incorporate the Pend d'Oreille Power & Light Company.

The report was received.

The Barkerville, Ashcroft and Kamloops Railway Company's bill was further considered in committee, Major Muter in the chair.

Mr. Sword remarked that section 16 only said the company "may" begin work within two years. He moved to alter may to "shall."

Mr. Rogers accepted the amendment, which was passed. The committee reported the bill complete with amendments.

On report on the Bedlington and Nelson railway.

Mr. Hume moved as an amendment, providing for branches or extensions not to exceed twenty miles in a direct line from the main line of the railway.

He said many mines that might wish to take advantage of the line were twelve and fifteen miles away, and the amendment was to meet their case.

The amendment was agreed to, and the report was adopted. The bill was then read a third time and passed.

The house then went into committee on the South Kootenay water power company's bill, Mr. Kennedy in the chair.

Mr. Graham said it appeared from the preamble that the company could take water from all points in Kootenay and Yale.

Under the water bill they might obtain records for a number of different places and prevent other people from taking water.

Mr. Cotton pointed out that the private bills committee had in this bill, as in other bills of a like character, brought in these bills under the Water Classes Consolidation Act, and section 14 provided three places where the company could take water. The company had given notice of application for a private bill on December 8, 1896, and it was therefore provided that from date it should have priority over application for water records.

Later more discussion arose on the priority matter.

Mr. Helmecken said that the private bills committee had in all these private bills dealing with water put in a clause giving the company priority over all application made after the day they gave notice of application for a charter.

The committee reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The house went into committee on the Cascade Water Power and Light Co.'s Bill, Mr. Hutt in the chair.

Mr. Graham complained of the roving rights given to the company by clause 21. They were given, he said, prior right over anyone else in mid-way, Anacosta, Greenwood, Grand Forks and Cascade City.

He asked that the company should be confined to certain points in the same way as was done in regard to the Kootenay Power Company, whose bill was just considered.

Mr. Booth contended that there were no exclusive rights. That water power was to be obtained near Cascade City.

Hon. Mr. Eberts thought that the bill gave the company priority.

Mr. Booth said the company would come under the water power bill and must decide within one month where they would take their water from.

From that point on all other water would have priority of applications over all records applied for since Nov. 10th, 1896, the date upon which they gave notice of application for a bill.

Mr. Graham said Greenwood City was prepared to go into the waterworks business for itself but if this bill was allowed to pass it would force them to buy out the Cascade City if they were given the rights under the bill. He maintained that these were prior rights and would prevent anyone else from taking up records.

Mr. Booth could not see that the objection was a good one. Under the Water bill the government would have the jurisdiction in the matter of water records, and if they knew that Greenwood City wished to erect waterworks, it was not likely that the Cascade City would be given prior rights over them.

Mr. Sword pointed out that the Water Privileges Act gave a municipality preference over all other applicants, and therefore he thought there need be no fear for Greenwood City.

Mr. Graham was afraid Greenwood City would not get justice if this bill was passed.

After further debate the clause was then passed as it stood.

On clause 22, which exempted the company from clauses 17 and 18 of the Water Privileges Act.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said those sections should be inserted in the act. He could not see why they were specially taken out for this company.

Mr. Smith said the sections referred to security, and the company considered that when, in its application for water records, it showed the government that it was prepared to put up the necessary plant that was security enough.

Mr. Walker said that when the house had prepared a bill such as the water bill to apply to all companies there should be no exceptions, and he could not support the clause.

Hon. Col. Baker was of opinion that they should not particularize in any respect or favor any company by making exceptions as were in this bill.

Mr. R. P. Rithet moved to exclude all the words after save and except sections 17 and 18 of the Land Classes Consolidation Act, 1896, down to the end of the clause.

The amendment was carried and the committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The speaker called 6 o'clock.

After recess.

The speaker resumed the chair at 8:15.

The house again went into committee on the Cascade Water Power Bill.

Mr. Graham wished that the company should not take water from Boundary Creek, and he therefore moved an amendment to clause 23, exempting that creek from the provisions of this act.

The object of this amendment was to leave the waters of the creek for a system of water works to be run by the people of Greenwood City.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said if the place wanted to make certain of getting water the water law passed recently, and then the Cascade company would have to go to the city to get a by-law for their works if they wanted to supply Greenwood City.

Thus the people would have the power in their hands of having the works erected as they pleased.

An amendment was agreed to on a division.

Mr. Sword moved to strike out clause 25 and insert in lieu thereof another, the effect of which was to secure that amendments made in future to the Water Classes Consolidation Act shall extend to the corresponding sections in this bill.

The amendment was agreed to and the committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments.

This was agreed to, and the house went into committee on the bill, Mr. Macpherson in the chair.

The report of the second reading of the Trail Waterworks bill.

This was agreed to, and the house went into committee on the bill, Mr. Macpherson in the chair.

The house went into committee on the bill to amend the Revenue Tax bill, Mr. Booth in the chair.

Mr. Forster moved to strike out the words exempting clergymen from payment of the tax.

Hon. Premier Turner was surprised at the hon. member offering the amendment. The exemption was put in many years ago. It stood in the act for a long time. He did not think it right that anyone should take advantage of this act to exempt themselves by attempting to place the tax on the clergy.

Hon. Mr. Martin opposed the amendment, and said that the valuable work done, early days by Roman Catholic missionaries. He, too, was surprised at an amendment of this character.

Mr. Williams sympathized with those who favored Mr. Forster's amendment. He could quite see that they did not mind exempting from taxation those who fought their enemies but they did object to exempting clergymen who were enrolled to fight their friend. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Helmecken—No personalities. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Martin—He is not here to-night. (Renewed merriment.)

Mr. Williams said medical men ought to be exempted as much as clergymen. The amendment was defeated.

Hon. Mr. Turner moved an amendment providing that the members of the militia to secure exemption from the tax must have been enrolled six months. The amendment was carried and the bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hume asked the Chief Commissioner of the Lands and Forests to have the Columbia and Western Railway Company adopted the tramway from Trail to Kootenay as one of the sections of their system, as authorized by section 83 of their act.

Hon. Mr. Martin, in reply, said: "The government has no information on the subject."

The house rose at 10:15.

FLOUR FOR AUSTRALIA.

The Empress Liners Carry Shipments in Transit to the Antipodes to Hongkong.

Prospectors for the West Coast Leave in Big Numbers on the "Teas."

After a day's delay at the Terminal City waiting to make connections with the C.P.R. overland express, the steamship Empress of Japan has gone to sea, having paid her usual Victoria visit to the outer wharf between 5 and 6 last evening.

A tender, contrary to recent customs, waited on her there, bringing out from the city passengers and mails. The former included S. D. Brooks and wife, of Seattle, who were the only saloon occupants to embark here, the other passengers having been all Chinese, of whom there was a comparatively small number. The Empress is heavily loaded with flour, in which the down principally with flour, in which the only Canadian brand is to be found. All is going to Australia via Hongkong, this time since she defeated Corbett, that the flour is to be sent to the Antipodes.

A 2,000-bale consignment of cotton that was to be shipped to the Antipodes did not reach Vancouver in time to be forwarded on the steamer, the freight having been tied up in the mountains somewhere between the coast and the Antipodes.

THE "TEAS" SAILS.

Those who take an interest in the West Coast pines would have appreciated the scene down aboard the steamer Empress of Japan, as she sailed for the Antipodes and way ports last evening.

With very few exceptions, every passenger was a prospector, with a formidable looking pack at hand's reach. One of the most prominent was Mr. J. H. Flint, a mineral expert from Kootenay, who having heard much of the coast mines is on his way to see for himself what the coast has to offer.

Among other passengers were John Robinson, Messrs. Child and Jones, Mrs. Heald, Mr. Bell, B. N. J. and Mr. L. Lorimer, G. Serault, and Messrs. Ferguson and Bridgeman.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamship Queen has been withdrawn from the Southern route and the Santa Rosa will take up her old running again. The Queen will make a couple of trips to Portland in the place of the Empress, and when the latter has been repaired the former will go to the Alaskan route.

The British bark Blarigloo, which was wrecked on the coast of Delagoa Bay with lumber from the Hastings mill, was sighted on March 18 in lat. 20 N., long. 119 W.

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY.

To the Editor:—Can you find space in your valuable paper for a statement by the British ship Alice A. Leigh, which was wrecked on the coast of Delagoa Bay on April 10, 1897, at sunrise the quarantine flag was hoisted, but not till 4 p.m. was any notice taken of it, although the vessel was sighted by a pilot boat, phone that the doctor was wanted on board. At 4 p.m. the doctor came aboard and inquired what the flag was for. He was told that it was a quarantine flag and he wanted to examine my crew as I had five men sick and had buried a child in the passage from Shanghai. He then asked me what was the matter with them and I replied that I thought it was smallpox, but not being a medical man and never having before seen a case of this nature, was puzzled. He then ordered us to the quarantine station, and left without boarding the ship. I believe the doctor was a bad man, and no one would come near us. On April 10, 10 p.m., quarantine steamer came and took up the ship's stern and inquired in a most insulting manner why I had not taken the ship to the quarantine station as ordered, and that I was liable to a fine of \$50 for not doing so. I replied that I was helpless as no tug had been sent to move us, and I could not sail as the wind had been light from the north all day. I then told them that I had not been at anchor fifty hours and as yet the sick men had not been examined by the doctor. He then said that the doctor had been to the ship, and that I was liable to a fine of \$50 for not doing so. I replied that I was helpless as no tug had been sent to move us, and I could not sail as the wind had been light from the north all day. I then told them that I had not been at anchor fifty hours and as yet the sick men had not been examined by the doctor. He then said that the doctor had been to the ship, and that I was liable to a fine of \$50 for not doing so. 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