

1. Order in Council P.C. No. 948, dated 7th April, 1914, approving and confirming form of License of Occupation covering the surface rights for the purpose of Coal Mining operations within the Dominion Parks.

2. Order in Council P.C. No. 1097, dated 25th April, 1914, establishing regulations for the removal of garbage in townsites within the Dominion Parks.

3. Order in Council P.C. No. 1331, dated 21st May, 1914, establishing regulations governing Grazing Privileges within the Dominion Parks.

4. Order in Council P.C. No. 1521, dated 15th June, 1914, establishing regulations governing electrical installations within Dominion Parks.

5. Order in Council P.C. No. 1635, dated 20th June, 1914, rescinding the regulations for the management and control of the Dominion Government Waterworks System in Dominion Parks, and establishing other regulations in lieu thereof, and to declare such regulations in effect on the 1st of April, 1914.

6. Order in Council P.C. No. 1165, dated 24th June, 1914, rescinding portion of the Order in Council of the 8th June, 1911, setting apart certain tracts of land as Dominion Parks, and substituting other lands to be known as Jasper Park and Waterton Lake Park.

Copies of each of which Order in Council were laid before this House on the 12th day of March, 1915, for the approval of this House under the provisions of section 19 of "The Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act," are now so approved.

The motion was agreed to.

DOMINION LANDS IN RAILWAY BELT, B.C.

MOTION POSTPONED.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved:

Copies of each of which Order in Council were laid before this House on the 12th day of March, 1915, for the approval of this House under the provisions of sub-section D of section 38 of the regulations for the survey, administration, disposal and management of Dominion lands within the forty-mile Railway Belt in the province of British Columbia, and the said Orders in Council are now so approved.

1. Order in Council P.C. No. 720, dated 14th March, 1914, further amending the regulations by adding thereto sub-section C to section 22 of the said regulations defining the term "Residence in the Vicinity" of his homestead by an entrant.

2. Order in Council P.C. No. 2597, dated 17th October, 1914, making the provisions of section 22 of the Dominion Lands Act applicable to Dominion lands within the Railway Belt in the province of British Columbia, whereby the time during which an entrant is absent from his homestead while a member of a military force enrolled under the authority of the Minister of Militia and engaged in the defence of the British Empire may be counted as residence upon his homestead.

Copies of each of which Orders in Council were laid before this House on the 12th day of March, 1915, for the approval of this House under the provisions of sub-section D of section 38 of the regulations for the survey, administration, disposal and management of Dominion lands within the forty-mile Railway Belt in the province of British Columbia, and the said Orders in Council are now so approved.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I was going to ask my hon. friend if he could give me any idea about what the amendment was in No. 1. What change was made in that.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I cannot tell that to my hon. friend, but he will find it on the table; I am not familiar myself with the contents.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I wanted to place before my hon. friend a case that came up in British Columbia in regard to this question of the homestead, the time being extended while the man was on military service. A case was brought to my notice where a man who had a homestead enlisted, and previously to his joining the regiment he sold everything that he had on the place, even the windows out of the shack, and to all intents and purposes he behaved as if he did not propose to come back to the homestead again after his time was up, or if he came back from the war he did not want to return to his homestead. Some other men came to me and wanted to know whether they could not get the entry on that homestead, but of course the official of the department said no, it was not possible under the regulation that had been made, the homestead entry would stand until the man returned from the war. I was going to ask my hon. friend, if proper evidence should be given that there was no intention on the part of this homesteader to return, whether anything could be done to allow anybody else to enter the homestead.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I could not tell; I presume the difficulty would be to get evidence of the intention. I am very doubtful about satisfactory evidence being given, except the evidence of the homesteader himself. Of course if we recognize the evidence of parties other than the homesteader, it might result in a great number of frauds being perpetrated. I have no doubt that if the homesteader indicated his intention it would be treated as an abandonment, so that cancellation might follow.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—It seemed to me that in a case like that some notice might be sent to the man to ask him whether he intended to exercise the right under the Order in Council or not, and if he said not, the homestead might be thrown open to entry.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Any party desiring to secure the location could communicate with him and secure information of that character.