

dock 3B, which is the upper berth. We are going to extend from where they finished—on up with our three berths—where there is rail connection; and so it will be necessary for the city to turn that property back to the Crown before we can build our docks on it.

Q. In other words, the city is going to transfer those water lots on which the dock will be built back to the dominion. Is that right? Or will they be transferred to the New Westminster Harbour Commission?—A. To the Crown—because the Crown are lending the harbours board the money and we operate directly under the Department of Transport. So, in order to have security, the property should be in the name of the Crown.

Q. Is the plan then that the water lots will be transferred to the Crown to be held by way of security for this loan?—A. I take it.

Hon. Mr. CHEVRIER: As I understand it, the schedule at the back of the bill contains those water lots.

Mr. GREEN: But there is nothing in the bill, Mr. Minister, to indicate those water lots are being transferred by the city of New Westminster to the Crown?

Hon. Mr. CHEVRIER: There is no necessity for that being in there. This bill is simply for the purpose of authorizing the loan, and the Department of Finance is taking guarantee on the lands referred to in the schedules.

If you will look at clause 2 of the bill you will see that: "...may make loans ...out of the consolidated revenue fund of amounts not exceeding...one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars as may be required ...for..." the following purposes: "...construction...on any or all of the lands more particularly described in the schedule to this Act."

And the schedule to this Act contains the water lots on which the dockage facilities are going to be built.

Mr. GREEN: That merely says land as may be required for the purpose of building docks, but it does not indicate that the lots are to be taken by the Crown as security for the loan—which apparently is the case.

Hon. Mr. CHEVRIER: Well, it is dealt with in the same manner as the lots now owned by the Department of Transport in the Pitt river that are being assigned from the Crown to the harbour commission.

I think the same thing will appertain with reference to the water lots. The Crown will take security, whether it will be by way of mortgage or debenture, I do not know, but the Department of Finance is proceeding on that basis.

Mr. GREEN: Then, Mr. Reid, there is to be a city by-law in connection with this bill. Can you explain what that will be—or should Alderman Gifford do that?

The WITNESS: Well, Alderman Gifford is chairman of the harbour committee of the city council and it might be well for him to explain that.

Mr. J. S. GIFFORD (Chairman, Harbour Committee, New Westminster city council): In order to turn this property over to the Crown it will be necessary to submit a by-law to the people. I might say that I represent a unanimous council here and we do not anticipate any trouble with the by-law. Our citizens are very progressive minded.

Mr. GREEN: The by-law will approve of the transfer of these water lots from the city of New Westminster to the Crown?

Mr. GIFFORD: That is correct.

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Q. And then, when this loan is paid off, will be lots be transferred back to the city or will they go to the harbour commission?—A. That is a matter that has not been worked out, but I would take it when the loan is paid off—