

Those Kitimaat Crown Grants

House Committee Continues Its Investigation of the Land Department.

Curious Discrepancies Between the Surveys and Lots Applied for.

The committee of investigation in regard to the Kitimaat Crown grants continued its sessions yesterday morning...

Police Magistrate Hall of Victoria, and J. H. Gray, C. E. were examined, the latter testifying that the location of a certain lot which he had surveyed was different from the one for which he had applied.

Mr. Hall explained that on one occasion he had allowed his name to be used in an application for a Crown grant, on behalf of George Robinson, to whom he afterwards transferred the land.

Mr. Gray testified that he surveyed a number of lots, one for Mr. Raley, one for Mr. A. W. Hunter, for C. Magness, one for Mr. Oliver and one for Mr. Kirk.

Asked by Mr. John Oliver if he could explain how it was that a certain lot was not in the location indicated in the description, witness said he could not, but to Mr. Bowser he explained that there might have been some error in various lots which would cause the confusion.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that there were several applications in the British Columbia Gazette for lots adjoining each other, and that if all of these were properly staked out it would have been necessary to intervene that were unaccounted for.

Mr. Johns, chief clerk of the lands and works department, said that would be the case if the lands were surveyed by the government, but that he had never before the chief commissioner.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that between certain lots the surveys seemed to be a mile out, and that he had never seen such a state of things did not suggest fraud.

Mr. Johns said he thought not. Mr. Gray said that all the staking was short and all the posts had been moved south.

Mr. Clifford, M. P., also gave evidence. He stated that he had made applications in 1898 for land that was subsequently included in the Kitimaat reserve, and he applied to have this land reserved to him.

Mr. Clifford said he had had a survey made in his own cost and found that the land had been Crown granted to Mr. Singlehurst.

In reply to Mr. Oliver, he said he was the first applicant for these lands. Mr. Clifford admitted that he had endorsed the letters of application of F. W. N. Raley for a Crown grant.

Mr. Raley was a missionary known to him, and his endorsement was an interference with the department and never saw anything.

Mr. Brown asked if witness thought it right that an application should be made in this manner.

granted which was not made until six years after the date of advertisement.

Mr. Clifford said it did seem a rather long time to wait.

Mr. Johns was recalled by Mr. Bowser. In reply to questions he said that Mr. Wells had decided in 1902 to issue these Crown grants.

The following letter relative to the application of Mr. Hunter was submitted.

Victoria, July 30th, 1903. Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo touching your application relative to the land at Kitimaat, notice of which was given in the Gazette of 1898, and the deposit of \$40 duly made thereon as required by the act...

Your obedient servant, RICHARD McBRIDE, C. C. of L. and W. Hon. Gordon Hunter, Chief Justice, Victoria, B. C.

Memorandum dated May 15th, 1903, relative to the applications from Messrs. Hunter and Munro was produced. Mr. Johns said there was nothing to show that it had been considered by the department.

Westminster Columbian. Whatever reproach has been incurred by past proceedings in the application of policy of drift in finance, does not apply to the present ministry, who have braved momentary criticism.

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Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Increase per cent. Wheat 400, Corn 400, Rye 100,000, Flour 2,000,000, Lard 1,400,000, Oleomargarine 2,200,000, Beef 600,000, Fruits 3,000,000, Hides 500,000, Wool 3,000,000.

On the articles that remained free of the duties are made high. Cotton, 217 per cent, and all cake, 52 per cent; while the duties on the other goods are 71 per cent.

Customer—But haven't you got any folding mince pies? Baker—Folding mince pies? Present to a couple who live in a flat.—Philadelphia Ledger.

11. To buy, acquire, own, sell and transfer franchises for the building and operation of any telegraph or electric wire, or for the laying of water pipes, and construction and operation of railroads, and all other means of transportation, and all other franchises in business pertaining to the business of the Corporation.

12. To buy, own or otherwise acquire capital stock in other corporations, and to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose thereof, and to acquire, own or otherwise acquire any other stock, bond or thing necessary, proper or convenient for the complete carrying out or execution of the objects of the Corporation.

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THE CZAR AND HIS FAMILY



Steam Haler From Norway

Orion Completes Long Voyage From Christians—News of Seized Sealers.

Wreckage Found on the Island Coast—Record for Loading Shlps.

CAPE HORN SEALING. Big Catches Made by Captain Balcom on Southern Hunting Grounds.

WRECKAGE FOUND. Eight Canoes, a Topmast and Gear Found on the Island Coast.

RECORD BROKEN. Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring Company Make a New One.

NEW SHIPPING MASTER. W. E. Laird Gets Latest Plum From Liberal Santa Claus.

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that the plaintiff could not succeed here unless the court could be made to believe that the defendant's witnesses were perjurers. The evidence of Edna Wallace Hopper was not to be believed because she was contradicted by men whom their Lordships must believe.

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Counsel explained that his argument would be divided into two phases—first, the condition of Alex. Dunsmuir's mind, and secondly, the question of the execution of the will, together with American authorities on the matter.

An adjournment was taken for luncheon. Resuming his argument at the afternoon session, Mr. Davis called attention to a conversation between Mr. Agnew and the testator during which the latter had said he had "done enough for the Wallace children."

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Invalided Men Tell Of Battle

Russian Soldiers Returned From Front Describe Situation in Manchuria.

Signs of Japanese Advance and Another Retreat Is Now Imminent.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—(12:45 a. m.)—Invalided Russians who left Mukden on March 26, report that the Hun river bridge had not then been restored. The Japanese, in removing Russian wounded from Mukden, carried them as far as the river in bamboo litters and entrained them on the farther side.

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The total losses of the Japanese, according to the foreigners accompanying them, was nearly 100,000, the eighth division, for instance, losing over 7,000, it not being considered one of the heaviest sufferers. The greatest losses were in the troops operating against General Linvitch, where the struggle was much longer and more intense than elsewhere.

The Japanese placed the number of guns captured during the retreat at 26 and also captured thousands of rifles and immense quantities of boxed rifle ammunition. According to Chinese reports, the Japanese are now rearming their reserves with Russian rifles.

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