

GOVERNMENT OF YUKON

An Advisory Council of Six Proposed to Assist the Commissioner.

Minister Blair Hints at a Railway Aid Policy Not Yet Announced.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Ottawa, May 27.—The Yukon district administration bill was discussed in the senate to-day. Sir Mackenzie Bowell contended that no single member of the government should be given such wide power as it was proposed to confer on Sir Sifton. He suggested that an amendment to confer the powers suggested upon the governor-in-council only.

Hon. David Mills said the clause was framed according to the Territories act. It might be unwise to restrict the powers proposed to be given the minister. In all matters of policy he consults his colleagues before acting, but in small matters of administration he should be allowed to give instructions to the commissioner and local council.

After discussion the clause passed without amendment. Upon the clause providing for the appointment of a council of six to act with the commissioner in the administration of the affairs of the district, Senator Power appealed to the government to say that some of these councillors be chosen from the mining population of the Yukon. It was of the utmost importance that the miners should feel they had some say in the administration of the affairs of the district.

Hon. David Mills said the population of the Yukon was transient and therefore different from that of any other portion of the Dominion. It was unfair to assume that the government would not exercise due discretion in appointments to the council.

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THE YUKON RAILWAY. DESERTED VILLAGES.

No Delay in Completing Arrangements to Have the Contract Signed at Once.

Premier Turner Also Has Welcome News as to the Coast Keotenay Road.

Hon. J. H. Turner stated last night in reference to the Coast-Stikine-Teslin railway that, far from allowing the matter to stand still, the provincial government was pressing forward with all possible speed the arrangements with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann. On the morning of May 24, the government had received a letter from Mr. Lukes, representing the contractors, agreeing to the terms already proposed and asking for a meeting to conclude matters. Mr. Lukes, however, had to go to Vancouver on that day and consequently nothing could be done till his return.

The next day Hon. Mr. Turner went to Vancouver, Mr. Lukes returning to Victoria. The Premier got back home on Friday night and yesterday had an interview with Mr. Lukes, who submitted a form of contract. A few particulars in the form had to be changed and Mr. Turner said he knew of nothing to prevent the contract being signed at once. The government had not heard from the contractors for some time, but supposed that Mackenzie & Mann would not sign this contract.

A despatch had been sent on Friday from the government urging on them the great desirability of having the road built without delay. Incidentally the Premier stated that he had received welcome news from Mr. Shaughnessy of the C.P.R. and Mr. Mann had left for the Coast and would be here in a few days to begin work at once on the building of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, and he believed that the government would not exercise due discretion in appointments to the council.

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WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

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