

YUKON, PLACER MINING IN THE—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (153) respecting placer mining in the Yukon Territory—Mr. Oliver—4802.

On section 21—Amendment moved by Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—4803.

On section 27—Amendment moved by Mr. Thompson—4803. Section as amended agreed to—4803.

On section 48—Amendment moved by Mr. Thompson. Section as amended agreed to—4803.

On section 60—Amendment by Mr. Oliver substituting a new section. Amendment agreed to—4804.

On section 72—Section amended by substituting 'council' for commissioner—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—4805.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed 4805.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4804.

On section 60—That seems an improvement. It might be worth while to make provision for an arbitrator dying, or going away, or refusing to act, or becoming incapable to act—4804.

On section 68—If any practical difficulty be found to arise, the section can be amended in the future—4805.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4803.

On section 5—I have been asked: Why, when you bring down a Mining Act for the Yukon, you confine it entirely to placer mining?—4803.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—4802.

On Section 5—The member for the Yukon (Mr. Thompson) felt that this section should pass as printed. Placer mining is the great industry of the Yukon, and its conditions are now so thoroughly understood that they may be provided for by statute instead of by regulation—4803.

On Section 21—Moves that section be amended. This means that the privilege will only appertain to the first find of gold upon any certain creek—4803.

On Section 60—Moves that section be struck out and replaced by another. As the whole basis of the proposition, as it now stands is permissive. It does not seem likely that serious difficulty will arise—4804.

On section 68—My hon. friend the leader of the opposition had some suggestion to make with regard to this section, but I do not myself see that any amendment can be made that would be an improvement—4804. The provision is made to meet urgent cases, and we have to run some risks—4805.

On section 72—I am quite willing to substitute the word 'council' for 'commissioner,' so that the dividing the country

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into mining divisions will be a matter for the council—4805.

Thompson, Alfred (Yukon)—4803.

On section 21—That is all right—4803.

On section 27—Moves that the words 'and is in direct proximity' be struck out—4803.

On section 48—Moves an amendment—4803.

YUKON, PLACER MINING IN THE—CONCURRENCE.

Consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill (153) respecting placer mining in the Yukon Territory—Mr. Oliver—6828. Amendments read a second time and concurred in—6829.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6828.

Are the amendments of any importance?—6828.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—6828.

There are several minor amendments, but the principal amendment is the addition of a new clause 93; there is also a provision that this Bill shall not come into effect before the 1st of August—6829.

YUKON, WOOD IN

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster asks as to papers with regard to the wood inquiry in the Yukon—7639.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7639.

I would like to know whether the Minister has learned as to these papers?—7639.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—7639.

We wired the commissioner in Dawson, and received a reply that the papers were there, and he was mailing them. I am afraid they will not arrive in time for this session—7639.

SUPPLY.

Motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply—Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister). Motion agreed to—125.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, IMPROVEMENT OF

For the development of the live stock, dairying and fruit industries, the improvement of seeds, and the promotion of the sale of food and other agricultural products, \$150,000—7412.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7412.

Protests against the estimates coming down at this late period of the session, when we have not sufficient time to discuss them; what we need is a forward policy