

MINISTER SHIFTS RESPONSIBILITY

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question as to whether these crown grants were not illegally issued in view of the fact that they were not granted within the statutory time for doing so. That was a matter of law.

In the case of the applications of Mr. Hunter and Mr. Munro, witness admitted that the description of the land advertised and the sketches did not correspond with the land granted. He could not explain this error.

In the case of the lot of H. G. Hall, which was also wrongly described, Mr. John said that he thought that probably another application to Cartwright, which was referred to, had been made.

In reply to Mr. Brown, witness said that in the application of H. G. Hall, which was made by W. W. Magnesen, he had seen Mr. Gore, who said that in view of the talk of railways in the north he thought it should go before the Chief Commissioner. When it came before the Chief Commissioner, it was probable that he called attention to the fact that this was similar to that of the applications of Mr. Hunter and Mr. Munro. He had presumed that these latter had come before the government and the Chief Commissioner would know the circumstances.

Mr. John said he submitted only three applications to the Chief Commissioner. He submitted that of Theodore M. Magnesen to the Chief Commissioner also.

The committee adjourned at 12 o'clock until to-morrow.

The committee of the legislature investigating the issuing of crown grants about Kitimaat sat again this morning.

The first witness was H. G. Hall, of this city.

Mr. Hall explained in connection with the crown grant issued to him that he had been asked to allow a crown grant being issued in his name. He believed he signed a receipt for the crown grant and immediately transferred it. Geo. Robinson asked him to allow his name to be used. Witness transferred the crown grant either to Geo. Robinson or a nominee of his. Witness had understood something was being done to transfer a right to himself in the way of an application. He had no interest whatever in the land. He understood the land was about Kitimaat.

In reply to J. H. Brown, witness said he had never on his own behalf made application for any land at Kitimaat. It was not this lot, however, and he believed the application made for his client was refused.

J. H. Gray, C.E., was the next witness. He said he had surveyed two lots for Mr. Riley, one for A. W. Jones, one for C. Magnesen, one for Mr. Oliver and one for Mr. Kirk. The lot of Mr. Jones was outside the reserve.

In reply to John Oliver, witness said that the lot granted to H. G. Hall was four lots south of J. A. Cartwright's when the description of the lot would indicate that it should have been the next lot to J. A. Cartwright's. Mr. Gray could not explain this.

In reply to W. J. Bowers, witness said there might have been another lot in Cartwright's name near this. He had been asked to survey this lot when he was at Kitimaat, and had not the Gazette notices with him.

In reply to Mr. Oliver, witness stated that he was shown the location by Geo. Robinson. He admitted that the stakes might have been moved down then, but had no reason to believe so. Attention was called to the fact that Jas. Cartwright gave notice in 1898 of a lot further south than that issued to J. A. Cartwright. This might be the lot referred to in the Hall application. Jas. Cartwright did not put in an application.

In reply to Mr. Oliver, Mr. John said that Mathieson applied for a lot.

Mr. Oliver called attention to the fact that the lot granted to Mr. Hall exactly being the description of the lot applied for by Mathieson. Mr. Oliver wanted to know if this granting of lands by the elimination of lots did not suggest fraud.

Mr. John said it would not.

Mr. Gray in explanation said that he believed the old staking was short and that the bounds of all the lots were moved south.

C. W. D. Clifford was the next witness. He said that his attention to Kitimaat and the need of a road to open up the country was called in 1896. In 1897 he got an Indian to accompany him and was the first white man to pass from there to the Skeena. He had got a man, Wilkinson, to stake some land on Kitimaat in 1896. At the present time he was interested in about 297 acres, his wife holding an interest.

In 1898 D. Mann while out here was attracted to Kitimaat as a probable mining ground. Mr. Mann got witness to have lands staked for him, and he got Wilkinson to do so.

He recalled the fact that the land grants for a party of eleven, of which he was a member, had been prepared by the government. While the Semlin-Cotton government came into power these were all refused. They were afterwards renewed when the following government came into power. Mr. Clifford said it was not his intention to renew applications. It was only fair that this should be done.

Mr. Oliver called attention to the fact that an application was made in 1896 by Mr. Clifford for lands which were now held in abeyance. He said that Mr. Clifford said that he had considered this was gone.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that Mr. Clifford had last year applied for leave to survey the land.

Mr. Clifford said his attention had been called to the fact that he might get it, and he made application. He paid the cost of survey, and found that the lot had already been crown granted to Mr. Singlehurst.

"Although you were the first applicant, you got left," suggested Mr. Oliver.

"Yes," replied Mr. Clifford. "I often have been in that position."

Mr. Oliver called the attention of witness that he had endorsed the application of W. Magnesen.

Mr. Clifford said "yes," and he would do it again, as he considered the persons were entitled to it.

With reference to the endorsing of the application of F. W. H. Riley by him-

GOOD ATTENDANCE IN CITY SCHOOLS INTERESTING RETURNS FOR THE PAST MONTH Five Divisions Reach Ninety-Five Per Cent.—Showing in Manual Training Department.

USE FRUIT-A-LIVES Fruit-a-lives or Fruit Liver Tablets

There was generally a good attendance at the public schools during the month of March, although a great deal of petty illness among the children, especially of the younger classes, prevented a high degree of regularity as during the earlier months of the year. In forty out of the sixty-four divisions the regularity record was 90 per cent. or over, but in only five did it reach 95 per cent. These were: High school, division 1, 98 per cent.; Boys' school, division 11, 96 per cent.; South Park, division 3, 96 per cent.; Boys' school, division 8, 95 per cent.; Girls' school, division 7, 95 per cent.

Out of a total attendance of 2,761 there were 1,322, or 48 per cent., against whom no absences were recorded during the month. The best record in this respect was made by the Spring Ridge school and the poorest by the High school. The percentages are given in the last column of the table below.

The attendance at the manual training classes is uniformly more regular than at the other classes of the school. For the month of March the regularity percentage at the Central school centre was 95, the best record, 98 per cent., being credited to the third and fourth divisions of the South Park school, and the lowest, 82 per cent., to the first and second divisions of the same school. At the North Ward centre the general average was 96 per cent., the highest being that of the third division of the North Ward school, 99 per cent., and the lowest the first division of the same school, 90 per cent.

The general attendance average in the domestic science classes was 88 per cent., the highest being that of the Girls' Central third division, 98 per cent., and the lowest, North Ward, first division, 75 per cent.

Following is the abstract for the several schools:

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