

YUKON ACT—AMENDMENT—*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*
—5683. The House has a perfect right to know how that apparent deficiency can be explained—5684. Utterly impossible for a hundred millions of gold to be mined without a considerable proportion being over the minimum—5685. Asks as to the appointment of a successor to Mr. McInnes—5686. After having resigned and become a candidate, he goes on and becomes legal adviser to the commissioner—5687. Would like a full statement of the royalty when they come to the estimates—5688. I do not want this—5689. Bring down the report and then we will see—5690. Is not each producer bound to make a return to the government—5691. How about the directors of the North Atlantic Trading Company?—5695. This is not very satisfactory—5698.

Gallihier, W. A. (Kootenay)—5699

Would not that be a case which arose under an established law?—5699. There is a question whether the parties ever had the authority to enter them—5700.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—5699.

There should be an exception provided as to its position—5699.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5676.

In other words do the accounts tally or is there a shortage?—5676. Reads resolutions passed at a meeting at Dawson—5677-8. Reads a statement submitted to him in connection with the royalties—5677-80-1. The question in the Yukon and elsewhere is who got these millions—5681. It is a matter of no importance who wrote the statement, he is responsible for it—5682.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—5675.

Asks if there is any audit of the large sums placed at the disposal of the Yukon council—5675. The Auditor General does not seem to give any account of the expenditure of these items—5676.

Lennox, H. (Simcoe, E.)—5020.

Will Oliver inform us whether the appointment was made by the governor in council or by the minister?—5020. I understand that the appointment is made at the same time by the governor in council—5021.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5016.

This is to make provision for the appointment of an acting commissioner—5016. He is not receiving any additional salary for his duties as acting commissioners—5017. The only authority by which he could be paid would be a vote in the estimates—5018. He was appointed by order in council, but it is now believed that the authority was not adequate—5019. I could not

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say whether he audited the accounts for the Yukon Council—5020. Yes, it was in reference to the absence of the commissioner, whether in contemplation or in fact—5021. The accounts received from Dawson have been audited by Mr. Maclean—5678. And approved by Mr. Lithgow before they come here—5676. Does not understand that there are any allegations that require any answer—5682. Heard no contention raised that any royalty remained uncollected—5683. Never supposed that it was suggested that there was a shortage of \$3,000,000 on the collections—5684. Department of Interior does not collect the royalty, but the mounted police—5685. Mr. McInnes was paid up to date of his resignation in January—5687. Cannot answer as to who has been actually collecting it—5688. The figures given as to the total output of gold are estimates—5689. The evidence is pretty lengthy, and the preparation would mean some delay—5690. Could not inform the House on that point—5692. If he heard these allegations against McGregor at the time, he should have spoken and demanded an investigation—5693. He chooses to abuse his position in parliament for the purpose of making what I claim to be unfounded charges—5694. If Sproule thinks McGregor guilty, it is for him to take his remedy against him—5695. The Department of the Interior has nothing to withhold whatever—5696. No one is required to accept them as anything else than an estimate—5698. The question has not been raised and we desire to have this legislation before it can be raised—5699. There are probably a number of suits already in progress—5700. Alcorn's suggested amendment quite acceptable—5701.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—5682.

A very reasonable question, who wrote that article?; is not questioning the article—5682.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5017.

Will the one who is to do the work receive any additional salary?—5017. This Bill would seem to imply that he may have been appointed by order in council—5019. Very desirable for the committee to know just in what shape this Act stands—5021. I move that the committee use, report progress and ask leave to sit again—5022.

Who audits the accounts?—5675. Does not think the minister can allow these allegations to pass in silence—5682. It is the duty of the government to explain how there comes to be this deficit of \$3,000,000—5683. Asks if there is any inspector of royalties and who has filled that office—5688. The statement now is that the statement of the output was an estimate—5690. The man who is charged with the expenditure of the money is