

NEW MINERAL ACT

Smith Has Introduced a Number of Valuable Amendments.

DOES NOT DEBAR ALIENS

Paris Belle Decision Kept in View and the Points Are all Covered—Pentiction-Boundary Railway Must be Begun in 15 Months.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

VICTORIA, April 19.—Recuperated by the short Easter holiday, the legislature got back to work today and seemed anxious to go ahead as rapidly as possible, not so much time being taken up in useless discussion. Helmcken's motion to press on the Dominion claims of the province to representation in the Dominion cabinet was voted down. Semlin took the view that it would be better not to interfere with the Dominion choice of a cabinet, and Sward believed if the motion passed the province would be told to mind its own business. Muttter held that as he believed in provincial rights it was certainly out of place for the province to meddle with the Dominion rights. This seemed to be the idea of a greater part of the house and the motion lost.

Sward moved that in requiring a declaration from a surveyor, who surveys the land for a townsite or mining station that the legislature intended that the attention of the land office should be called to the nature of the land applied for, and that it should not be treated as ordinary land open to purchase. The debate on this was adjourned without discussion.

An Inspector of Mines.

Two important bills to the mining community were introduced. One was by Col. Baker to appoint an inspector of metalliferous mines, and the other was Smith's mineral act amendment. Baker's bill is self-explanatory in the title, which is: "An act for securing the safety and good health of workmen engaged in or about metalliferous mines." It provides that the government may appoint as inspector a man who has had at least seven years practical experience in mining; who must give his whole time to the duties of the office. The minister of mines may, when he deems it necessary, order an inspection of a mine, and the inspector must report on the condition of all machinery, timbering, etc., of the mines of the province; penalties being imposed on managers or owners of mines refusing the inspector admission.

Some Good Amendments.

Smith's mineral bill amendment is framed pretty much on the recommendations of the mining committee, but omitting that provision prohibiting aliens from taking up claims, as Smith is opposed to this as narrow and unnecessary. One section is designed to exempt from free miners' licenses men who are merely employed at work in the mines. Another provision is that in entering on private lands a miner is not first required, as at present, to put up security, but only does so if requested afterwards by the owners. Another section allows work done outside of a mineral claim, if having direct relation to such claim and in direct proximity to it, to be accepted in lieu of assessment work and also it provides that a party may not exceed eight claims in number may put in assessment work for a group on one claim, the amount expended being equal to \$100 for each claim.

Relating to Surface Rights.

Crown grants to mineral claims are made to convey surface rights, including timber for the purpose of working the claim, other surface rights being vested in the crown, but the owners of crown grants for mineral claims may purchase all the surface rights also for \$5 per acre. In cases where a mineral claim is located on a railway grant the owner of the crown grant shall be entitled to appropriate the surface right in fee simple of the company, the amount not to exceed \$5 per acre.

All the sections here referred to are in italics, for private members cannot bring them in and when in italics are supposed not to be seen until the government gives its consent in the house to their insertion.

Other provisions make clearer the laying out of claims and recording them. A miner to abandon a claim must give notice in writing to the mining recorder. For the purposes of a crown grant, work done on a claim by the predecessor title may be deemed to be done by the applicant, who receives the transfer. Notice of the application for a crown grant must be made in a newspaper in the district, or if there is none then in the nearest paper. The surface right claim may be counted as work on the claim, but not to exceed \$100.

To prevent any more uncertainty as to partnerships no free miner shall be entitled to interest in a claim located by some one else except where a written agreement exists.

The onus of proof against a previous location is placed on the adverse claimant. These are the principal provisions in the bill. The Cascade Water, Power and Light company's bill was reported by the private bills committee with a recommendation that the Water Clauses act privileges be extended bills was one by Turner to amend the revenues tax act by exempting clergymen and militiamen from paying it.

Railway Loan Bill.

In committee on the loan bill, Smith's amendment to do away with the railway from Bute Inlet to Quenelle and instead give the bonus to a railway from Ashcroft to Quenelle, was defeated. On Turner's motion, which was, he said, to keep faith with the money market, it was decided that no part of the loan should be borrowed before July 1, 1898. It was agreed, on Graham's motion, that the work on the Pentiction-Boundary Creek branch must be begun in 15 months.

The bill to extend the time for the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to survey and take up its land grant was read the second time tonight.

NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

Returns Indicate That the Liberals Made Nearly a Clean Sweep.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 20.—The following are the latest returns in the provincial elections:

Antigonish—McGillivray and Chisholm, liberals, elected.

Pictou—Cameron, Fitzpatrick and Tanner, conservatives, elected, though it is possible McDonald, liberal, has defeated Fitzpatrick.

Kings—Wickwire and Dodge, liberals, elected.

Hants—Drysdale and Douglas, liberals, probably elected.

Digby—Comeau and Gidney, liberals, elected.

Lunenburg—Church and Sperry, liberals, elected.

Shelbourne—Johnson and Robertson, liberals, by acclamation.

Inverness—McDonald and Doucette, liberals, elected.

Victoria—Murray (premier) and Morrison, liberals, elected.

Yarmouth—Law and Lebanc, liberals, elected by 200 majority.

Annapolis—Langley and Bancroft, liberals, 200 majority.

Guysboro—Sinclair and Ferguson, liberals, elected by 200 majority.

Queens—Farrell and Kiellert by a tie vote.

Richmond—Joyce and Finlayson, liberals, by a small majority.

Colchester—Speaker Lawrence, liberal, a small majority; McMullen, conservative.

Cumberland—Black and Fraser, liberals, 200 majority.

Halifax—Mitchell, McPherson and Wallace, liberals, about 600 majority.

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

Situation Seems to Promise a Victory For the Liberal Opposition.

MONTREAL, Que., April 20.—The local election campaign is drawing to a close. With polling day only three weeks off both parties are trying to size up the situation. There is no great issue on which the parties have divided. This perhaps is to the advantage of the liberal opposition, for the electors everywhere are fickle and want a change. Flynn has been premier less than a year. He has hardly had time to do anything himself, and while his record is largely a series of promises he has to shoulder the faults of his predecessors. The greatest of these was the three per cent loan negotiation by Premier Talignon in Paris at 77, which was immediately sold at an advance, which lost over \$500,000 to the province.

WINNIPEG AND McDONALD.

Conservatives Did Not Name a Candidate in Either Vacancy.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 20.—The nominations to fill the vacancy in the house of commons for Winnipeg took place today. The candidates are Major Jamieson, liberal, and Edwin Taylor, temperance and labor candidate. The conservatives did not nominate a candidate in McDonald constituency. Dr. Rutherford, liberal, and Kenneth McKenzie, patron, were nominated.

FIXING UP THE DETAILS

Blair Is in Montreal Conferring With C. F. R. Officials.

BURTON Promoted to Chief Justice of Court of Appeals—Moss, of Toronto, the New Judge.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Ont., April 19.—Minister Blair left this morning for Montreal where it is said he is conferring with the Canadian Pacific authorities on the matter of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. While the railway company is said to have accepted the principal stipulations of the proposition made by the government, the details of the deal have not yet been accepted by them. It is expected it will be put through shortly. The promotion of Judge Burton to the chief justiceship of the court of appeals in place of Justice Haggarty, who has retired, leaves a vacancy on the bench, which, it is understood, will be filled by the appointment of C. Moss, barrister, of Toronto.

The Dingley Bill and Lumber.

A private dispatch from Washington, says that the Dingley bill, which has passed the house of representatives, is by no means a finality. The Dingley bill imposed \$2 per thousand feet on rough lumber, such as Canada exports to the United States in large quantities. It is stated on high authority that this duty will be put back to a dollar in the senate and that a conference between the two houses must follow after the senate has amended the Dingley bill. Dingley will not oppose the reduction. When the bill is amended, the Canadian government will not entertain any request for an imposition of an export duty on logs or pulp wood.

The conservatives met tonight and elected T. W. Currier, president of the McVeity association, as their president. There being two associations in the past. The McVeity association refused to join with the other, repudiating the late government and its policy.

Mertz Sure of a Job.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—It can be stated with a degree of certainty that ex-Chief of Police Peter H. Mertz will be appointed deputy warden at the Walla Walla penitentiary. It is known to the governor and board that the turning down of H. T. Jones for the wardenship has engendered a spirit of hostility in the ranks of the local democrats and it is to try to patch up a truce that the appointment of Peter Mertz has been decided upon.

Nash-Bigham.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—Miss Jennie Bigham and Attorney Lucius B. Nash, both of this city, are to be married at Seattle tomorrow. The wedding will take place at the residence of ex-Senator P. G. Austin, where the young lady has been visiting.

Ditched Both Engines.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—The Great Northern east bound passenger yesterday struck a broken rail near Bear Creek in Montana, causing both engines on the double header to go into the ditch. The engineers and firemen of both engines sustained severe but not fatal injuries.

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ONE MAN--ONE VOTE

Sir Charles Tupper Tries to Steal the Liberals' Thunder.

DEBATE ON THE FRANCHISE

The Government Proposes to Amend the Present Law by Substituting Provincial Voters' Lists—Tupper Converted to Manhood Suffrage.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Ont., April 20.—There were only about 30 members in the chamber when the house assembled today after the recess for the Easter holidays. Davin devoted about an hour to rehearsing the details of the election in Saskatchewan, trying to show that the government was connected with the troubles which took place in the liberal ranks there. Premier Laurier denied having anything to do with it and did not propose to take any notice of what newspapers said on such subjects.

Sir Charles Tupper made a long speech on the franchise bill, which was next taken up. He opposed the bill on account of the different lists in different provinces, particularly in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. He admitted the defect of the present law was its cost and in conclusion made a radical proposition in favor of manhood suffrage and one man one vote.

Davis denounced the existing law. Dr. Roche, of Marquette, attacked the Manitoba franchise law and Richardson defended it.

Cartwright said that it would be impossible to send more than 200 in the militia contingent to England for the jubilee parade in London. Britain could not accommodate any more.

Mr. Lount has given notice of a bill to amend the Trade Marks act, so as to make union labels included in the same and give protection to union workmen.

The Manitoba school papers were laid on the table tonight. The only new over 100 Catholics of Saskatchewan approving the settlement.

Telegrams announcing the victory of the liberals in Nova Scotia were read in the house tonight.

Vice-President Shaughnessy of the C. P. R., is here interviewing the ministers.

Dr. Walton Jones, of Montreal, has been appointed by the Dominion government, commissioner to the Stockholm exhibition, at which there will be a big exhibition of mining samples from British Columbia.

To Examine Bank Receivers.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—O. D. Lynch, national bank examiner, representing Comptroller Eekles, is in the city. He left Washington ten days ago and arrived here this morning. Mr. Lynch is here to examine into the condition of the insolvent National banks and examine the receivers. Several days will be occupied in completing the work, a report of which will be sent to the comptroller.

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