

Ordered, That all the said Returns to Addresses be referred to the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting Larceny and other "similar offences."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *McDonaid* from the said Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several amendments which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Page 9. Line 24. After "confinement" insert "Provided that no person shall be held guilty of any offence for having, for the purposes of exploration, or scientific investigation, taken any specimen or specimens of any ore or mineral from any piece of ground unenclosed, and not occupied or worked as a mine, quarry or digging.

Page 9. Line 44. After "confinement," insert clauses, A, B, C, D, E, and F.

CLAUSE A.

Whosoever, (not being the owner or agent of mining claims then being worked, and not being thereunto authorized, in writing, by the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of mines, in any District, or by the Officer for the Division in any Gold Mining Division, or by any Inspector or other proper Officer in that behalf, named in any Act relating to any mines in force in any Province of Canada) sells or purchases (except to or from such owner or authorized person) any quartz containing gold, or any smelted gold or silver, at or within three miles of any gold District, or mining District, or Gold Mining Division, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in any gaol, or place of confinement, other than the Penitentiary, for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.

CLAUSE B.

Whosoever purchases any gold in quartz, or any unsmelted or smelted gold or silver, or otherwise unmanufactured gold or silver of the value of One dollar or upwards, (except from such owner or authorized person as in the last preceding section mentioned) and does not, at the same time, execute in triplicate an instrument, in writing, stating the place and time of purchase, and the quantity, quality and value of gold or silver so purchased, and the name or names of the person or persons from whom the same was purchased, and file the same in the office of the nearest Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of mines of the District, or Officer for the Division in the Gold Mining Division, or of some Inspector or other proper Officer in that behalf named in any Act in force in the Province in which such purchase, is made within twenty days next after the date of such purchase, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to any penalty not exceeding in amount, double the value of the gold or silver purchased, and to be imprisoned in any gaol or place of confinement, other than the Penitentiary, for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.

CLAUSE C.

On complaint in writing made to any Justice of the Peace of the County, District or place, by any person interested in any mining claim; that mined gold or gold bearing quartz, or mined or unmanufactured silver or silver ore, is unlawfully deposited in any place, or held by any person, contrary to law, a general search warrant may be issued by such Justice, as in the case of stolen goods, including any number of places or persons named in such complaint, and if upon such search, any such gold or gold bearing quartz, or silver or silver ore