

provided for, and which does exist under the authority of the Yukon council—but it was thought proper that in addition a tax of \$2 per gallon should be put on spirituous liquors taken into the Yukon territory over and above any customs duty or inland revenue. It was a super tax of \$2 per gallon on liquor taken in, which I understand goes to the revenue of the Yukon territory. There was no such tax on beer. As I have said, I cannot give the inner reason why the idea struck the Yukon council in the year 1907, but the idea apparently did strike them; that the precedent in the case of the stronger intoxicant should be followed at a measurable distance in the case of the weaker intoxicant, and that if \$2 a gallon was charged on spirituous liquor, it would be proper to charge fifty cents under like circumstances on malt liquor. They passed a resolution in accordance with that idea, and we acted upon it. After a year's experience I do not know why they saw fit to rescind their former resolution; but they did, and we followed that by our action.

Mr. FOSTER. Now, we are getting down to a point where we can appreciate the whole case. As I understand it, this is an import duty—

Mr. OLIVER. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. Which no province of the Dominion has a right to put on, and which the Yukon has exercised, and which we for a time exercised, and the benefit of that went to the Yukon. So it was done by this House for the benefit of the Yukon. The import duty on spirituous liquors is still on, but it is proposed now that the import duty on malt liquors shall be taken off, as I understand it, and as I think the House understood it. It would be a dangerous thing, to give an idea that in the Yukon you had free beer and whisky, and if that impression were to go abroad we might have less members of parliament here than we have now.

Mr. CROSBY. I would like to ask the Minister of the Interior whether that tax of 50 cents a gallon pertains to all beers made in Canada, or only to those imported. I would like to know if there is any way by which we can discover whether there is any beer imported into the Yukon outside of Canadian beer.

Mr. OLIVER. It applies to foreign made beer, not to Canadian or British made beer.

Mr. CROSBY. Does the Yukon make any returns to this government, which would give us some idea of the amount of beer consumed in that territory?

Mr. OLIVER. They do not make any returns, under the system of government

now prevailing they would not be required to make any returns. I do not think it would be possible to get the information my hon. friend desires. I could, however, inquire of the Yukon government, and get such information as may be possible, and give him the advantage of it later on.

Mr. CROSBY. That will be satisfactory.

Resolution reported, and agreed to.

ORDERS IN COUNCIL UNDER DOMINION LANDS ACT.

House went into committee to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that the following orders in council made by His Excellency the Governor General in Council under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1908, on the dates respectively mentioned, that is to say:—

1. P.C. No. 729, dated 20th April, 1910, made under the provisions of section 37 of the said chapter 20, rescinding the regulation for the disposal of coal mining rights established by order in council of the 9th May, 1907, and amending orders in council, dated respectively 16th February and 9th December, 1909, and establishing new regulations in lieu thereof.

2. P.C. No. 1012, dated 25th May, 1910, amending P.C. No. 729, dated 20th April, 1910, respecting the disposal of coal mining rights.

3. P.C. No. 2469, dated 9th December, 1909, rescinding section 3 of the coal mining regulations established by order in council of the 9th May, 1907, and substituting a new provision.

4. P.C. No. 186, dated 31st January, 1910, as to the charging of royalty upon the output of coal mines.

5. P.C. No. 3, dated 17th January, 1910, making regulations for the issue of permits to remove sand, stone and gravel, the property of the Crown, from the submerged beds of rivers and lakes in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Northwest Territories and within the railway belt of the province of British Columbia.

6. P.C. No. 762, dated 21st April, 1910, rescinding section 3 of the regulations, established by order in council of the 17th January, 1910, for the issue of permits to move sand, stone and gravel, the property of the Crown, from the beds of rivers and lakes in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and within the railway belt in the province of British Columbia, and substituting a new section 3 therefor.

7. P.C. No. 313, dated 22nd February, 1910, amending the regulations established by the order in council of the 17th January, 1910, for the issue of permits to remove sand, stone and gravel, the property of the Crown, from the submerged beds of rivers and lakes in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories, and within the railway belt in the province of British Columbia.

8. P.C. No. 933, dated 13th May, 1910, made in virtue of the provisions of subsection (b)