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Q. You have been attending the meetings of this committee, or most of them, during the present session?—A. I think I have been at most of them.

Q. And you are familiar with the practice of your department and also of the Department of the Interior in the granting of titles to mining lands, are you not?—A. Well, the Department of Mines, of course, has nothing to do with the granting of titles to mining lands.

Q. Will you just kindly tell the committee now what steps are necessary for an explorer who discovers mineral wealth in the province of Alberta, how does he proceed to get the title to that discovery, just tell us that?—A. Well, I understand—of course we have nothing to do with that, and I have no practical experience of that—but I understand that the method would be to put in an application in writing, which he might do at an agency, a Dominion Lands agency, and it would be referred to the Department of the Interior here.

Q. Well, is it so that you may put in an application there or that he may send his application here? Do you know anything about that?—A. Well, I think it is possible for him to put in his application at the agency or the sub-agency of the department.

The CHAIRMAN.—Mr. Congdon, you are acquainted with the conditions in the Yukon, would you mind telling us about that? We have got the evidence from Mr. Brock as far as he can give it to us.

Mr. CONGDON.—I do not see any use; if we go into that it will take us a week.

The CHAIRMAN.—Well, I understood that is just the difficulty; that there are no acts governing it.

Mr. CONGDON.—We have an act in the Yukon.

The CHAIRMAN.—What about Alberta?

Mr. CONGDON.—They haven't any there; it is pure regulation.

The CHAIRMAN.—I do not think we need pursue this matter any further then.

Witness retired.

Committee adjourned.

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