

it was found administratively desirable to delegate the authority to the commissioner.

**Mr. Low:** Can the minister say what kind of control is exercised over the distribution of liquor in the territory?

**Mr. Winters:** It is distributed there in the same manner it is distributed in the provinces of Canada, through liquor stores under control of the government.

**Mr. Low:** And the commissioner is looked upon as the control officer?

**Mr. Winters:** Yes.

**Mr. Pearkes:** Did I understand the minister to say there have been no instances of liquor being manufactured in the Yukon?

**Mr. Winters:** What I meant to say was that there have been no instances since the legislation was changed two years ago, instances that have come to our attention.

Section agreed to.

Sections 48 to 52 inclusive agreed to.

On section 53—*Export of gold without payment of royalty.*

**Mr. Black (Cumberland):** I would like to ask the minister for more particulars respecting the authority for mining and the royalties that are payable upon gold that is exported out of the territory. How much are the royalties and what have they amounted to per year over the past five years?

**Mr. Winters:** I wonder if I might get that information and provide it to the hon. gentleman?

**Mr. Black (Cumberland):** In the meantime could the minister state what royalty is charged on gold that is procured in this territory?

**Mr. Winters:** If I may I will provide that information later too.

Section agreed to.

On section 54—*Coming into force.*

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** The question I was going to ask is covered in the note on section 54:

As many provisions relating to criminal law are in the present act, the new act must come into force on the day the Criminal Code is proclaimed.

That is quite definite. It will depend upon the passage of the Criminal Code.

Section agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

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## Water Resources

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall this bill be read a third time?

**An hon. Member:** Now.

**Mr. Knowles:** By leave.

**Mr. Winters** moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

## WATER RESOURCES

### ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCES FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES

**Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Resources and Development)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 109, to authorize the grant of assistance to a province for the conservation of water resources.

**Mr. Herridge:** Is the minister going to make a statement?

**Mr. Winters:** Perhaps I should say a few words about the purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker. While the bill itself is relatively short, I believe it is of great importance to Canada. Its effects can be both far-reaching and long-lasting.

The conservation of natural resources within the provinces is primarily a provincial responsibility, and there is no desire or intention on the part of the federal government to invade that jurisdiction. The bill is drafted accordingly. Its basic purpose is to enable the federal government to assist provincial governments in carrying out measures of a major character designed to conserve their water resources, and at the same time reduce the hazard of serious flooding.

The interest of the government of Canada in conservation has found expression in the past in a number of important measures which were designed to assist the provinces in respect to special projects of major importance, or to assist them in problems of such wide scope that the finding of a solution was in the national interest. Included among these measures have been the Canada Forestry Act, the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, the Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Act, the Eastern Rocky Mountain Forest Conservation Act, and the National Parks Act. The results that have been achieved through these acts are well known. I believe all hon. members will agree that Canada has benefited substantially through their operation, and that these benefits will continue to increase as time passes.

We have heard many excellent addresses in this house in the past few years on various