

them to. I am indeed glad to see that the department and the minister have adopted my suggestion that the indemnity be increased to \$1,000. The present minister's predecessor replied to my letter suggesting \$1,000, and asked me why I suggested that amount. My reply was that I considered it an appropriate amount, and that ended the correspondence. I am glad to see that the minister has taken the suggestion and put it in the act.

Mr. COCKERAM: Paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of section 3 provides for a living allowance of \$5 a day. That certainly is not enough for that district. It should be increased.

Mr. MacKINNON: My understanding is that that \$5 a day is not subject to taxation. If it were subject to taxation, in order to give them a sum equal to \$5 a day it would have to be considerably higher than that.

Mr. CASE: Very few expense accounts are subject to taxation. If a living allowance of \$5 is not sufficient, taxes should not enter into it at all. It should be sufficient to maintain the councillors in that district. It should be doubled.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): I must admit that I had overlooked paragraph (c), which reads:

An allowance for living expenses, not exceeding five dollars for each day in which the council is in session, but the amount that is paid to any member of the council pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed one hundred dollars in respect of any one session.

Usually the meetings of the council do not take more than two weeks, sometimes three. A man cannot live on \$5 a day expenses in the city of Dawson where the council meets. It is out of the question. If you gave him \$10 he would be put to it to live on that, even if he were living in a modest way. No private member can suggest an amendment, because it would be a tax on public revenue. In fairness to these councillors, I would ask the minister to make a more appropriate amendment to the act by increasing the \$5 to \$10 or \$15.

Mr. MacKINNON: When this matter came before me I immediately asked questions about this item of \$5 a day. I know something about the cost of living in Yukon and in the Northwest Territories. I thought it was a ridiculously low amount, but I was informed that that was the amount recommended by the controller on, I believe, the advice of the council. I have allowed it to stand. I am quite ready to have one of my colleagues on this side move that the amount be made \$10.

Mr. JEAN: I so move.

[Mr. Black (Yukon).]

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 4—Appointment of public administrator and official guardian.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): It may be that in the war years and in the immediate past the government experienced some difficulty in finding a barrister or an advocate of at least five years' standing at the bar of the province who would take the position of public administrator in the Yukon, but that time has gone by. At any rate, the territory now has a first-class barrister as public administrator. He has been carrying on well and has been for much more than five years a member of the bar of the province of Manitoba. However, if the minister wishes to have this clause go through I do not raise any great objection. I do not think it is necessary.

Section agreed to.

Sections 5 and 6 agreed to.

On section 7—Section repealed.

Mr. FULTON: Perhaps I should know; but since I do not, would the minister be kind enough to say what has been the practice until the present time? Do appeals from the Yukon go to the Supreme Court of Canada, or have they been going to the supreme court of British Columbia?

Mr. MacKINNON: I inquired regarding this matter, because I thought they might very well go to the supreme court of Alberta, seeing how closely Alberta is connected with the administration of Yukon. However, in direct answer to the hon. member's question, I may say that, in the past, cases have been going to the British Columbia court.

Mr. FULTON: This will not change the practice that has been followed in the past?

Mr. MacKINNON: No.

Section agreed to.

Section 8 agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

LAND TITLES ACT

AMENDMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, ET CETERA

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Mines and Resources) moved the second reading of Bill No. 334, to amend the Land Titles Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City) in the chair.