

prescribed fees. Monthly statements of grants issued and fees paid may be had from the office of the gold commissioner. Ten days from the date of staking are allowed for recording and an owner may abandon a claim at any time by giving notice to the mining recorder. No claim may be relocated until after thirty days. A survey of the claim is made by a dominion land surveyor at the expense of the claim owner. Section 42 of the Yukon Placer Mining Act reads as follows:

If the owner of a claim has done the required work thereon, but has failed to renew his grant thereof, the mining recorder may issue a grant to any person relocating such claim.

The owner may, within six months after the date at which his grant came due for renewal, apply for a renewal grant—

This is given if the first owner proves his bona fides and pays all the expenses to which the relocater has been put and the cost of work, if any, that has been done. Claims can be renewed each year but only upon payment of the fee and upon the furnishing of proof that work to the amount of \$200 has been done. Claims are forfeited if the work is not done or the fees paid each year, but fourteen days of grace are allowed. The government has carefully protected both the owner and the public in case of either the death or insanity of the owner. In case of death the act says:

The commissioner may from time to time extend the period of exemption as the necessity of the case may in his opinion demand, provided that in the case of deceased persons the period during which such exemption shall apply shall not extend beyond three years from the date of the death of such person.

In the event of insanity, the owner is equally well protected, because the act provides:

If there is no other legal representative of any such deceased or insane person, the commissioner may appoint the public administrator of the territory to take possession of the property and administer the same.

All charges are to be taken from the output. The Yukon Quartz Mining Act is equally comprehensive. Some years ago it was suggested that there were rich mining lands for from ten to thirty thousand men in the Yukon, and that the federal government would be justified in sending that number there. There may still be many a hidden Eldorado or Bonanza but such wealth is not to be had without gruelling work and perseverance. Many men have worked and slaved for years, hoping to develop a good paying mine, but at the end only to acknowledge that they have made but the barest living, while others have invested their all to find nothing in return. I do not believe there

are a baker's dozen claims in Yukon, either placer or quartz, that have been staked, proven and abandoned either through death or insanity, and that are not open for relocation. At any rate, to make sure that such is the case I shall certainly investigate the matter very thoroughly on my return within the next month. I am informed by the Minister of the Interior that because of certain local conditions the Yukon council has extended the period of relocating until 1939, in the case of companies who may of necessity do ten or twenty times the amount of representation work demanded in one section of the district, applying part of that overwork to property in another section of the district.

Motion agreed to, and the house went into committee of supply, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Militia Services—

Engineer services and works — further amount required, \$273,000.

Mr. MacNEIL: Will the minister give an explanation of this?

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Minister of National Defence): This total is made up of the following items:

Rockcliffe aerodrome, \$95,000.
Barriefield, \$35,000.
Petawawa, \$15,000.
Valcartier, \$20,000.
Quebec, citadel walls, \$25,000.
Shilo, \$30,000.
Dundurn, \$45,000.
Yorkton, \$4,000.
Kingston, \$4,000.

Item agreed to.

General stores—further amount required, \$712,800.

Mr. MacNEIL: Will the minister explain this item?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The item is made up as follows:

Clothing, necessaries and miscellaneous stores, \$25,800.
Artillery stores, \$151,350.
Telephone signal and wireless equipment, \$36,900.
Inspection of stores, \$13,000.
Mechanical and water transports, \$7,000.
Dominion arsenal, Quebec and Valcartier, \$478,750.

Item agreed to.

Permanent force—further amount required, \$66,626.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The item is made up as follows:

Courses abroad, \$5,000.
Pay and allowances, nine months' basis, \$10,000.