









# Provincial Parliament

## Mainland Politics Occupy Most of the Time of the Legislators.

### Some Significant Questions Regarding Porcupine Appointments by Mr. Stables.

Monday, Aug. 19th.

After two days of idleness, the weary province came very early this afternoon, and the immediate business of the day was decided not to sit in the House until the afternoon. The members were received by Mr. Stables, who had the honours of the House.

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a claim. Section 11 provided that where a co-owner failed to keep up his assessments his associate might, by advertising in a newspaper in the district for three months, acquire his interest.

The last two clauses in the amending Bill were as follows:

"Section 127 of the 'Mineral Act' as enacted by section 10 of chapter 33 of the statutes of 1898, and amended by section 14 of chapter 45 of the statutes of 1899, is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

"The owner of a mineral claim who has had his claim surveyed and has filed in the office of the Mining Recorder in the mining division in which the claim is situated, a declaration by a provincial land surveyor, stating that he has surveyed the claim as required by sub-section (c) of section 30 of this act, and has delivered to the Mining Recorder a plan of the claim and a copy of the original field-notes, and delivered two copies of the plat and one copy of the field-notes to the owner, then the owner of such claim shall be entitled to have the cost of such survey, not to exceed one hundred dollars, counted as work done on the claim as required by section 24 of this act.

The schedule of fees attached to the 'Mineral Act' is hereby amended by striking out for a Crown grant \$10 at the end thereof, and by substituting therefor 'for a Crown grant \$25.'

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similar bill in railway committee, but had been defeated. He hoped, however, that the scope of the bill would be widened. He wanted the bill to extend to firms incorporated under the Companies Act.

The general public must not, however, be misled as to the nature of the bill. It was not a bill in setting the difficulty of the problem.

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The Minister of Mines replied that there was no such intention on the government's part.

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Mr. Curtis moved to add the following section: "Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the company shall not have the right to purchase, lease, or use any lands belonging to the province until it has entered into a contract with the provincial government with respect to such right, and upon such terms and in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe."

Mr. Curtis said he did this on the initiative of Mr. Chas. Wilson, whose principles some of his followers in the House seemed to be forgetting. He read that gentleman's statement on the point.

Honor the Lieut-Governor, recommending to the House a bill providing for the levying of taxes on coal and coke; a bill to amend the Assessment act; a bill to amend the Land act, and an act to accelerate the incorporation of Phoenix. All these were read a first time.

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The motion was carried unanimously. A message was transmitted from His

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