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DOLLY VARDEN RAILWAY IN LEGISLATURE

Creditors of Taylor Engineering Co. Win Out—Will Probably Be Settled Soon.

What developed into a somewhat celebrated fight closed on Friday afternoon when the Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act Amendment Act was given its third reading. The whole dispute between the Dolly Varden Co. and the Taylor Engineering Co. had been referred to a select committee of the House. The Committee's report received the approval of the Legislature, without a dissenting voice, as did the bill which the committee recommended.

Charge on Property.

In brief, the bill which was passed has the effect of charging not only the railway, but all the property of the Dolly Varden Mines Co. in British Columbia, including the Dolly Varden and Wolf Groups, with the payment of the cost of the construction of the Railway.

An existing mortgage in favor of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Co. for \$150,000 and a charge in favor of Donald W. Cameron for a balance due him in connection with the Wolf Group comes first. After that comes a charge in favor of the creditors of the Taylor Engineering Co.

Will Appoint Judge.

In the event of the parties not being able to agree on the actual amounts due each of them, the Minister of Railways (Premier Oliver) will immediately appoint one of the Judges of the Supreme Court to ascertain the cost of the constructions of the Railway and the amount invested by the Dolly Varden Mines Co.

The Judge is to report with every speed possible and within fourteen days after his report the Dolly Varden Co. must pay all the laborers' wages or the property passes out of their control.

Pay Off Creditors.

It is understood that the Temiskaming Mining Co. of Ontario are likely to take over the property and pay off the Taylor creditors. If they will not do so, another concern, not now operating in British Columbia, are prepared to take over the property. It would seem reasonably certain now that the workmen will be paid with very little further delay and the property will probably again be operating this year.

THE AWAKENING IS A BOHEMIAN STORY

Tale of Life in Paris is the Chief Feature at the Empress Theatre Tonight.

The story of the artist colony in Paris which is to be shown in photoplay at the Empress along with "The Mystery of the Double Cross" is a curious yarn. There is plenty of action to it and it is replete with tense situations.

The concluding scene is a duel in which one of the principals is wounded and of course there is the reconciliation and closing love scene which naturally goes with a play of this kind. It is a totally different story, however, to anything that has been seen here before.

"The Mystery of the Double Cross" and the Harold Lloyd comedy are also first class.

"WOMAN AND THE LAW" IS A DRAMATIC PICTURE

The struggle of a woman for her child and the lengths to which she will go for its protection are pictured with tremendous dramatic intensity in the photoplay "Woman and the Law," which will be the attraction at the Westholme Theatre tonight.

Based on the internationally sensational De Saules case, which so shocked the United States and South America and which was discussed in every home in the country, it is said, the thrilling moment when the woman who has slain for the sake of her child faces the jury which is to decide her fate, depicts a situation to hold the most hardened play-goer spellbound.

People read the little messages in the classified column on page 5. The moral is clear.

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Red Cross Notes

The Red Cross sale this week will be in charge of Mrs. H. S. Parker and Mrs. Embleton.

The following amounts are acknowledged with thanks from outside branches: Alice Arm, \$45; Queen Charlotte City, \$35.

The sale last Friday realized \$54. The following are the articles donated and won:—Mrs. M. Jacobsen donated sack of sugar, won by Mrs. McKay; Mrs. Hart, cedar mop, won by Mrs. Embleton; Mrs. Guttstein, coffee, won by Mrs. A. Strachan; Mrs. Goldbloom, vanity bag, won by Mrs. de Gex; Mrs. Robertson, fancy apron, won by Alice Jacobsen; Mr. Gavigan, basket of fruit, won by A. Strachan; Mrs. R. McKay, basket of eggs, won by A. Little; J. Killas, box of candy, won by Mrs. Lorne McLaren; Miss Rose Director, fancy towel, won by C. J. Graham; Mrs. Basso-Bert, silk handkerchief, won by Mrs. Backus; Mrs. Hoffman, silk bag, won by Mrs. Goldbloom; Miss Zelma Director, fancy towel, won by Mrs. J. L. Christie. Included in the amount realized at the sale was a donation of \$4 from Harry Lipsett, which is acknowledged with thanks.

The splendid interest still being taken in these sales is most gratifying to the society. There are still over twenty thousand wounded Canadians in hospital, and the public are asked for their support until these men are able to return to Canada.

The G. T. P. steamship Prince Albert left for Anyox yesterday evening and is expected back tonight, when she will get ready to sail for Alaska with a cargo of coal and cannery supplies.

The Daily News is the recognized medium between seller and buyer. People all read the advertising columns because the advertisers are live wires.

SYNOPSIS OF

LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emptions abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 2 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with improvements of \$10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesteads; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes, areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT. The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT.

Provision is made for the grant to persons holding uncompleted Agreements to Purchase from the Crown of such proportion of the land, if divisible, as the payments already made will cover in proportion to the sale price of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such Agreements may group their interests and apply for a proportionate allotment, if it is not considered advisable to divide the land covered by an application for a proportionate allotment, an allotment of land of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the locality may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The rights of persons to whom the purchaser from the Crown has agreed to sell are also protected. The decision of the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is final. The time for making application for these allotments is limited to the 1st day of May, 1919. Any application made after this date will not be considered. These allotments apply to town lots and lands of the Crown sold at public auction.

For information apply to any Provincial Government Agent or to G. R. NADEN, Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B. C.

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