
REPORT OF PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Private Bills Committee have the honour to report :—

1. An Act granting to James J. May and Charles W. D. Clifford the sole right to prospect for minerals contained on Vitalle Creek, Omineca.

The Committee recommend the passing of this Act, after amendment of the preamble, in accordance with the Petition, which Petition has been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee.

2. An Act relating to the Official Map of the City of Victoria.

3. The Committee cannot recommend the passing of this Act until the Map proposed to be legalized shall have been rendered complete. The Act under discussion affects to conclusively define the boundaries of all streets in the City by reference to the map. Whereas the Map itself, notably in the instances of the Church of England Reserve, Fairfield, Spring Ridge, Work Estate, and Finlayson Estate, and in other cases, does not define or mark the lines or boundaries of any streets at all.

4. The result, in the cases mentioned, of passing the Act it would be difficult to foresee; probably the land owners would themselves have the right, arbitrarily, to define the lines of streets, irrespective of accustomed highways, that is, if they chose to grant any right of way at all.

5. The Map also places the City Landing out of the locality agreed upon between the City Council and Mr. Yates, in accordance with the "Yates Street Public Landing Act, 1880."

6. The promoters of the Act and Mr. Yates have agreed upon an amendment to meet this error, but your Committee consider that the map should speak for itself, and not be contradicted by the very law which gives it existence.

Victoria, 29th March, 1883.

THEODORE DAVIE,
Chairman.
