

right to dredge until the lower tumbler of his dredge shall be on the boundary-line, providing that, if the adjoining owner objects, appeal may be made to the Warden, who shall have power to impose such conditions as he shall consider necessary for the protection of both parties.

24. *Hon. Mr. R. McKenzie.*] Before you leave the gold-stealing question, I would like to point out to the Committee that this question has been before the Mines Committee and members of the House ever since I have been in Parliament. That there has been a good deal of gold-stealing going on is very well known; but this proposed clause will have a very far-reaching effect. There are many ways in which people get possession of gold. With a view of drafting a clause to meet it I submitted this question to Professor Salmond, who says it would have the effect of making every other man a criminal. Gold is an article that cannot be identified?—It does not mean making every other man a criminal, because those in possession of gold are restricted to men with mining licenses, mine-owners, gold-buyers, and gold-sellers.

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