

anything of that kind from the Minister of Labour?

Mr. BOYCE. No, I do not think that.

Mr. VERVILLE. I hope my hon. friend will do me the honour to—

Mr. BOYCE. I think my hon. friend is quite too astute for that, but I certainly think that if there has been no arrangement expressed or implied between my hon. friend and the Minister of Labour it shows that he is a very tame representative of labour. The position that the minister takes upon this question is absolutely untenable. Upon his own admission, what does he want to do? He is going to employ a specialist, a technical man, to go and investigate and acquire information which my hon. friend admits he has now upon the shelves of the department. There is no question as to what should be done with this motion. With regard to the insurance legislation before the House would the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) accept a similar resolution relegating the Insurance Bill to the investigation of professional experts, who might go around the country, acquire information and give us their opinions? Would such a resolution as that be accepted simply upon the flimsy and miserable excuse that the Minister of Labour puts up, that this man is so well versed in the subject and has such a wide experience upon it that he is in a position to advise the committee? Would the Minister of Finance adopt such a principle, and if he would not—and it applies to any other department of the government, why should we be asked to accept it from the Minister of Labour? This proposal is made for the purpose of assisting the Minister of Labour and the member for Maisonneuve out of some difficulty in which they appear to be. But I say that we ought not to delegate the powers of this House by accepting this resolution.

House divided on motion (Mr. King).

YEAS:

Messieurs

Allen,	McGiverin,
Aylesworth,	McIntyre,
Barker,	McKenzie,
Beauparlant,	McLean (Huron),
Béland,	McLean (Sunbury),
Black,	Maddin,
Blondin,	Major,
Borden (Sir Frederick),	Marcile (Bagot),
Broder,	Marshall,
Carrier,	Martin (Regina),
Cash,	Martin (Wellington),
Champagne,	Mayrand,
Chisholm (Inverness),	Meigs,
Clark (Red Deer),	Michaud,
Clarke (Essex),	Miller,
Congdon,	Molloy,
	Monk,

Mr. VERVILLE.

Conmee,
Currie (Prince Edward),
Daniel,
Delisle,
Demers,
Devlin,
Doherty,
Douglas,
Dubeau,
Ecrément,
Ethier,
Fielding,
Fisher,
Fortier,
Foster,
Fowke,
Gauvreau,
Geoffrion,
Girard,
Gordon (Kent),
Graham,
Guthrie,
Harris,
Herron,
King,
Knowles,
Kyte,
Lanctot (Laprairie-Napierville),
Laurier (Sir Wilfrid),
Lavergne,
Law,
LeBlanc,
Lemieux,
Lovell,
Macdonald,
Macdonell,
MacNutt,
McCoig,
McColl,
McCranev,

Nantel,
Nesbitt,
Neely,
Oliver,
Papineau,
Paquet,
Pickup,
Proulx,
Prowse,
Pugsley,
Rankin,
Reid (Restigouche),
Richards,
Ross (Middlesex),
Ross (Rimouski),
Roy (Dorchester),
Roy (Montmagny),
Rutan,
Schell,
Sealey,
Sharpe (Ontario),
Sinclair,
Smith (Nanaimo),
Smith (Stormont),
Sperry,
Sproule,
Stanfield,
Stratton,
Templeman,
Todd,
Tolmie,
Turcotte (Nicolet),
Turcotte (Quebec County),
Turgeon,
Turriff,
Verville,
Warburton,
White
(Victoria, Alta.),
Wilcox (Essex),
Wilson (Laval),
Worthington.—114.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Armstrong,	Jameson,
Barnard,	Lake,
Beattie,	Lancaster,
Blain,	Lennox,
Boyce,	Meighen,
Burrell,	Middlebro,
Chisholm (Huron),	Northrup,
Cowan,	Osler,
Crosby,	Reid (Grenville),
Crocket,	Rhodes,
Crothers,	Schaffner,
Currie (Simcoe),	Sharpe (Lisgar),
Donnelly,	Taylor (Leeds),
Edwards,	Taylor (New Westminster),
Elson,	Wallace,
Goodeve,	White (Renfrew),
Gordon (Nipissing),	Wright.—36.
Henderson,	
Hughes,	

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

DOMINION LANDS FOR HOMESTEADS.

Mr. MACDONELL:

1. What is the estimated acreage of the Peace river, Mackenzie river and other unorganized districts?