

agreed to make a different distribution of the estate, to that mentioned in the will and sought to have their agreement ratified by the Local Legislature. The Local Parliament did ratify it, without the sanction of some of the parties directly interested in the estate, some of whom were minors, and some Her Majesty's subjects residing out of the Dominion of Canada, and despite the solemn protest of the trustees appointed under the Bill. The trustees protested to the Local Legislature, then to the Lieutenant-Governor, and finally to the Dominion Government, they protested against sanctioning a Bill that made for another man a will he did not make for himself. Did the hon. First Minister disallow that Bill, as, perhaps, he ought to have done; because, if there is any kind of legislation which ought to be disallowed, it is legislation that makes a will for man that in his lifetime he never contemplated.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Hear, hear.

Mr. CAMERON. The hon gentleman says "Hear, hear." He does not appear to be able to grapple with the distinction between the Stream Bill and the Goodhue Will Case. But all the same there is a clear distinction. In the one case, an individual undertakes to control the navigation of a public stream; to prevent everybody else from using that stream; to get absolute possession of the stream, and to hold possession of it; and, under the interpretation the hon. gentleman put upon the law, as it stood before the Streams' Bill was passed, he has got the power to retain possession of it, and prevent those working limits further up the stream from getting the product of their labor to market, and thus interfering the public user of a public stream. In the other case the Legislature undertakes to make a new will for a dead man. Yet the hon. gentleman cannot see the distinction between the two cases; in passing upon the Goodhue Will Bill, what did he say? He recommended that this Act though strongly protested against should be left to its operation solely on the ground that it came within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Legislature. There is another Bill that came before the hon. gentleman, the Orange Bill, which passed the Local Legislature but did not receive the assent of the Crown, it was a reserved Bill.

Sir JOHN MACDONALD. Hear, hear.

Mr. CAMERON. The hon. gentleman does not see the distinction between a Bill that has received the sanction of Parliament that has become the law of the land unless vetoed, and a Bill reserved for the consideration of the Dominion Government. It appears to my mind very clear