

mencement of each session. I hope it will prove to be an acceptable amendment to the bill. There is another matter connected with it, that is to say, the question whether this reserve would hereafter deprive the Hudson Bay Company of any right which they may now have. As hon. gentleman will remember, one of the conditions of the acquisition of the Hudson Bay Territory by the Dominion was, that when the lands are surveyed, the Company shall receive a certain amount of the surveyed lands; but until they are surveyed no right in them accrues to the Hudson Bay Company. This bill has already aroused their uneasiness, and as it is not the intention of Parliament to deprive any person or company of any rights which appertain to them, I shall propose an amendment to protect any rights the Hudson Bay Company may now have to lands included in this bill. It has been suggested to me since the discussion in the other House that Banff is a name which is sometimes substituted for a still warmer climate than the springs; that it is not uncommon in Scotland in the heat of discussion to consign a man to "Banff" instead of Jericho or some other place. It is not at all likely that any person would look upon being sent to those springs, as being any great punishment; but it does not appear to me to be a name of sufficiently a dignified character to be applied to our great national park. We had the other day something like eight suggestions as to the name that this park should bear, and I think it would be much more easy to frame satisfactory rules and regulations for the park than to decide upon a name which would satisfy every person. Dominion park has been suggested, but it is thought that "Dominion" has been run into the ground. There are Dominion Companies for almost everything you can name, and even a Dominion Carpet Beating Company in Montreal. There are various institutions under the name of the Dominion, and it is thought that the name is used as much as it will bear. In slang phrase, it is "played out." Then it was suggested that it should be called the Dominion National Park. We do not claim to be a nation as yet although we possess so many attributes

of a nation. The name "Victoria" has been appropriated by the Niagara Falls Park. "Jubilee" park has been suggested, but it has been applied to everything under the sun, and it was not thought suitable to give to the park a name of that description, which is in its essence applicable only to a certain time. The result of the deliberations which have taken place between myself and my colleagues is that we have come to the conclusion that the name "Rocky Mountains Park" would be suitable. We were led to this decision from the fact that the translation—*Parc des Montagnes Rocheuses*—is a good sounding name in French, and "Rocky Mountains Park" is an equally euphonious name in English. At all events it localizes it for our purposes. It is not a hackneyed name; it is a dignified name, and perhaps we could not do better than to adopt the title Rocky Mountains Park, or in French *Le Parc des Montagnes Rocheuses* instead of the Banff National Park.

How. MR. ALLAN—I venture to think that all Canadians will owe a debt of gratitude to the Government for bringing forward this matter at so early a date, to provide, as I hope will be provided, a place of health and enjoyment—enjoyment of the highest kind for Canadians for all time to come. I think one debt we owe to the Canadian Pacific Railway in addition to the advantages which it brings with it in the shape of extended commerce and ease of communication, is that it brings us face to face with some of the finest scenery on this continent—scenery which we all, as Canadians, may be proud to have within our Dominion, and in no part perhaps shall we find finer scenery than in the park which is the subject of this Bill. Another thing which I hope will be considered as most important is the fact that this very scenery, without some such precautions as we are now taking, is liable in a very few years to be seriously impaired in many ways. In the first place, parties going in there in pursuit of game, or parties prospecting for minerals, are liable very frequently to be the cause of much mischief by setting out fires. Some of the magnificent forests which clothe the sides