

such and such effect according to the article, so I refer to the articles advisedly.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—If that is pertinent to the province of Quebec, why not provide similarly for registration in the other provinces? This clause does not deal with the subject of registration; then, why specifically provide for registration in the province of Quebec?

Hon. Mr. POWER—It is just this. There was some objection made to accepting the hon. gentleman's amendment generally, and he wished to provide for his own province.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The hon. gentleman might as well say, according to chapter so and so of the province of Ontario, and section so and so of some other province, and go over the whole of the provinces in that way. If it is good for the province of Quebec, it should be equally good for the other provinces.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think it is a great mistake not to leave the clause as it stands. It is going to embarrass very much the building of railways. We know that when plans are filed, the price of land goes up very much. The only way to do is to go and make your bargains quietly with the individuals, and you have a chance to get right of way for a reasonable price. If you do not, the price of land goes sky high, and it is well known it is better to pay excessive prices than to go to arbitration.

The clause was amended and adopted.

On clause 174,

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I have given notice of the following amendment to this clause:

That subsection 2 of section 174 be reconsidered, and that the said subsection be amended by striking out the following words:

'Where the lands are situated elsewhere than in the province of Quebec,' in the first and second lines thereof.

That subsection 3 of the said section 174 be struck out and replaced by the following:

'3. Where the lands are situated in the province of Quebec, the notice shall be published as required by article 1069 of the Code of Civil Procedure; and the provisions of articles 1072 and 1073 of said code shall also apply.'

That subsection 4 of said section be also reconsidered, and amended by adding, in the first line thereof, after the words 'all such claims filed,' the following words:—'and (in the province of Quebec) all other claims appearing from the registrar's certificate,' and that said subsection 4 be further amended by striking out the words 'or judgment of confirmation.'

Hon. Mr. POWER—I should like to ask the hon. gentleman why he proposes to make the amendment in subsection 2. As I understand, the hon. gentleman's amendments are intended to affect the province of Quebec alone.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—But there is no necessity of having these words left in subsection 2, because my amendment provides for it fully.

Hon. Mr. POWER—It only provides for the province of Quebec, and when the lands are situated elsewhere than in the province of Quebec, you do not want to meddle with them.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It would be better to leave subsection 2 as it is, because you would disturb the other provinces.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I do not insist on amending subsection 2.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I, for one, must object to the form of amendment, introducing specific articles of a provincial code into a general law. There is no precedent for it. I doubt if you can, in the whole of our statutes, find any precedent of that character. In the first place, the provincial statute may be repealed or amended from time to time, and those sections may, after a time, not be applicable in the slightest degree as they purport to be to-day. In the next place, persons perusing the statutes of the Dominion will know nothing of the specific provisions of the law of the province of Quebec, and so far as this House knows to-day, they may not be applicable in the slightest degree. How are we to know, sitting as a committee, without these sections to which my hon. friend refers before us, that they are in any way applicable to this clause? I do not doubt for a moment the accuracy of my hon. friend's argument in their favour; but at the same time, we are going it blind—we are swallowing those sections without knowing whether they apply to this clause. On the broad ground, I object to introducing any specific sections of a provincial Act, unless we have the statutes before us and know what we are dealing with.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—If the general law covers all the provinces of the Dominion, there is one special province where