

being placed where it was and of the agreement between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the province of British Columbia, naturally, the land in that neighbourhood would be valuable; and then it was supposed to be desirable that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company should acquire 13,500 acres more in that vicinity. For the purpose of acquiring that land the Dominion government passed an order in council saying that it was going to be generous in this matter by getting the Indians to give up their rights in the reservation and asking the province of British Columbia to make a free gift to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company of its interest in 13,500 acres of land. The hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) asks to whom did the grant go. The grant went to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. MACPHERSON. Has my hon. friend the statutes there?

Mr. STOCKTON. I have the documents here showing that Mr. Bodwell, representing the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, entered into an arrangement for and on behalf of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to take over 10,000 acres of land.

Mr. MACPHERSON. Does my hon. friend know that Mr. Bodwell swore in his evidence before the commission that he was not acting for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company?

Mr. STOCKTON. Well, I have all the papers—

Mr. MACPHERSON. I am asking my hon. friend if he knows that on Mr. Bodwell's sworn statement he was not acting for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. STOCKTON. It would be difficult for me to tell what Mr. Bodwell swore or what he did not swear or whether he swore at all. I am speaking of the agreement that was entered into between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company by its president and the province of British Columbia, and that document shows that for the purpose of avoiding transfers to Mr. Bodwell and then to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company it is agreed by the parties that the land shall go direct to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. But I cannot see that it makes any difference whether it went to Mr. Bodwell first as the representative of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and through him as an intermediary or whether it went direct to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. What has that to do with the discussion of the case? Nothing at all. I am speaking with reference to the facts, Mr. Speaker, and with reference to the generosity of the Dominion government at the expense of the province of British Columbia. The 10,000 acres were given by the province of British Columbia upon certain terms and conditions. I do

Mr. STOCKTON.

not care whether the grant went through Mr. Bodwell or whether it went direct to the Grand Trunk Pacific. At all events, the Grand Trunk Pacific got the land. They had the grant and they got it upon the terms and conditions which are mentioned in the grant.

Mr. MACPHERSON. No, no. My hon. friend is mistaken. They did not get it on the terms and conditions mentioned in the grant.

Mr. STOCKTON. The conditions were not in the grant?

Mr. MACPHERSON. The hon. gentleman will find that a little further on.

Mr. STOCKTON. Surely they got it upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the grant?

Mr. MACPHERSON. No.

Mr. STOCKTON. Well, if they got the grant and did not get it on the terms and conditions named in the grant how in the world did they get it?

Mr. MACPHERSON. That is what the people of British Columbia want to know.

Mr. STOCKTON. They have the lands and surely they got them on the terms and conditions mentioned in the grant. It could not be anything else. The Dominion government sought to induce the province of British Columbia to give up its reversionary interest in this land. I think the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) has correctly stated the condition of affairs with respect to Indian reserves. We know that the lands that are set apart for the use of the Indians are under the legislative authority of the Dominion parliament, but the property in the land is in the province in which the Indian reserve is and as soon as the land has ceased to be used as an Indian reserve it goes to the province in which the land is. Therefore, the land belonged to the province of British Columbia subject to the easement of the Indian reserve, and when the land would be given up it would be given up by the province for the purpose named in the agreement, or the proposed agreement, that has been set out by my hon. friend the leader of the opposition. Now, that would be 13,519 acres—to state the exact figures—that this government wished the province of British Columbia to give as a free gift to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, whereas, with respect to the 10,000 acres of land, the province of British Columbia got \$1 an acre and every fourth lot from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company by virtue of handing over upon the terms that the grant specifies the 10,000 acres of land.

Mr. MACPHERSON. My hon. friend is quoting from the statutes of British Columbia of 1891.