

The total area proposed to be added to the forest reserves in Manitoba is 216.11 square miles.

#### Saskatchewan

The Steep Creek Forest Reserve which comprises 7.0 square miles has been included in the description of the Nisbet Forest Reserve, as the former reserve is of too small an area to be administered as a unit and is, in fact, now being administered as part of the Nisbet Forest Reserve. The Steep Creek Reserve is an established reserve and no additional area is being placed under permanent reservation by including it in the Nisbet Reserve.

#### Eliminations:

The withdrawals recommended in Saskatchewan consist of 2.65 square miles from the Moose Mountain Forest Reserve, .50 square miles from the Dundern Reserve, 5.25 square miles from the Fort à la Corne Reserve, .90 square miles from the Nisbet Reserve, 3.51 square miles from the Pines Reserve, 1.54 square miles from the Manito Reserve, 1.44 square miles from the Cypress Hills Reserve No. 2, .50 square miles from the Pasquia Reserve, all of which lands upon re-examination have been found to be of some agricultural value. It is also proposed to withdraw 19.50 square miles from the Keppel Reserve. These lands are either patented to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or lands for which it is desired to grant patent to the company as a result of exchanges for areas which are now included in the reserve. It is recommended that 31 square miles be withdrawn from the Beaver Hills Forest Reserve as a result of a land classification made by the Topographical Surveys Branch.

The total proposed withdrawals comprise an area of 66.79 square miles of land considered to be of agricultural value.

#### Additions:

It is proposed to add .25 square miles to the Fort à la Corne Forest Reserve. This land which forms a narrow strip between an Indian Reserve and the Forest Reserve was inadvertently omitted in the original act. It is also proposed to include in the Manito Reserve two islands in Manito Lake, the areas of which amount to 2.12 square miles.

Proposed additions to forest reserves in the province of Saskatchewan amount to 2.37 square miles.

#### Alberta

All lands included in Dominion Parks have been excluded in the descriptions of the Rocky Mountains and Cooking Lake Forest Reserves, as re-written for the accompanying schedule.

#### Eliminations:

It is proposed to withdraw one quarter section from the Rocky Mountains Forest Reserve, and .31 square miles from the Cypress Hills Reserve No. 1. These lands are considered to be of sufficient agricultural value to warrant withdrawal.

#### Additions:

No additions proposed.

#### British Columbia

#### Eliminations:

Practically all of the lands recommended for withdrawal from reservation in this province have been applied for by returned soldiers under the soldier settlement scheme. The lands have been carefully re-examined and although found in some cases to be of doubtful agricultural value, it is considered advisable to recommend the elimination of the areas in question, as in many instances the applicants intend to use these lands in conjunction with homesteads already held in the same vicinity, and in other cases a half section

is granted to one applicant so that the opportunity for successful settlement should be greater than if only the usual grant of a quarter section were allowed. The area proposed to be withdrawn from the reserves in British Columbia comprises 6.06 square miles.

#### Additions:

It is proposed to add to the Tranquille Forest Reserve one half section which was erroneously eliminated by the 1919 amendment to the act.

That covers the very large amount of descriptive matter in connection with the bill.

Section agreed to and bill reported.

### INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT (1907) AMENDMENT

Hon. James Murdock (Minister of Labour) moved that the House go into committee on Bill No. 84, to amend the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907.

Motion agreed to and the House went into committee, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

On section 1—Declaration by officers of trade union:

Mr. GUTHRIE: We want some explanation of this clause?

Mr. MURDOCK: The change proposed here is in order to facilitate the application that may be made for a board of investigation. It has been stated, in certain cases in the past, that committees could not make the necessary application provided for in section 15 of the act for the reason, it was said, that communications which employees committees would address to the employer were unanswered, that negotiations were not held, and that therefore they could not literally make the declaration that negotiations had been held, and that all efforts to effect a settlement as a result of such negotiations had failed. By this section it is proposed to assist in meeting that situation and if the committees can make the necessary declaration that it has been impossible to secure a conference, or enter into negotiation, and that all efforts to obtain a satisfactory settlement have failed that shall be sufficient, in the interest of co-operation as between employer and employee, to warrant the formation of a board.

Section agreed to.

On section 2.—Relation of parties pending proceedings:

Mr. GUTHRIE: We must have some explanation of this clause also.

Mr. MURDOCK: We are undertaking to put in what it has always been held section 57 meant. We are inserting such language as, it is believed, will more clearly convey the original intent. During last summer this particular phase of the Industrial Disputes