

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS
YOUNG HEARD IN OTTAWA ENQUIRY

Ottawa, May 17.—R. E. Young, superintendent of railway and swamp lands, was under examination this morning by the committee which is inquiring into the Oliver charges. He said that he became superintendent of the lands in 1905 or subsequent to the date on which the original land grant was made to the Manitoba and Southern railway, a grant extending from Winnipeg to the Lake of the Woods, a distance of 110 miles.

The original order in council dated May 18, 1891, authorized a grant of land not exceeding 6,400 acres per mile. It is stipulated that the lands must be selected east of the Red river in Manitoba and must be fairly fit for settlement, the minister to be judge.

In 1897 an order in council was passed renewing the grant and stipulating that owing to the arrangements with the Manitoba government the swamp lands could not be given to the railway as an option of the grant.

Mr. Young read the order in council of May 8, 1897, upon which the enquiry hinges. It sets forth that the Manitoba and Southern government had passed under the control of the C.N.R., that owing to the amount of swamp lands in eastern Manitoba not more than 20,000 acres of fit land in eastern Manitoba was available and authorizing the selection of the remaining major portion of the grant in the province of Saskatchewan.

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OPPOSITION TO CONTINUE FIGHT

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Mr. Fielding goes on to say that there might be a question whether in the event of Canada giving adherence to the treaty the schedule would become applicable to Canada.

He proceeds: "Granting, however, that it would so apply an examination of the details show that while no doubt well adapted to the conditions of trade between Great Britain and Japan, the schedule is wholly suited to commercial interchange between Japan and Canada."

Mr. Fielding intimated "if a commercial agreement were made to suit these conditions it will probably have to be means of a separate treaty."

Mr. Fielding then stated that Canada proposes to avail itself of the clause of the new agreement regarding the mutual good will of the two countries and in the event of Canada not desiring to adhere to the new treaty, a temporary arrangement may be made pending the framing of a new treaty.

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COUNCIL DEFER THEIR ACTION

New Commissioners Will Not Be Named Till Friday.

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ROBERTSON TRIAL

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DEMOCRATS WILL OPPOSE CHANGES

Think Bill Should Pass Both Houses Without Alteration.

Toronto, Ont., May 16.—A telegram from Washington, D. C., says: "If the Senate ratifies the Canadian reciprocity bill or otherwise amends it so as to make it unacceptable to the Democratic House cannot be relied upon to stand by the bill."

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WHY NEW TREATY NOT ADHERED TO

Tariff Schedules Not Adapted to Trade Between Canada and Japan.

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Stage Line Edson to Grand Prairie Now Running.

Weekly trips are now being made between these two points. For all information as to Homesteads in Grand Prairie and Peace River Districts address Head Office:

Edson and Grand Prairie Transportation Co. 324 Jasper Avenue E., - Edmonton.

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