

are not yet all selected. The company's officers and agents, however, are at the present time engaged in the work of examination and selection, their selection being subject to approval by the Governor in Council. 1,590,288.98 acres have been scheduled by Orders of the Governor in Council, and the balance of 298,159.02 acres will be similarly dealt with as rapidly as possible. The record in this case is in the Department of the Interior and open to the public. 2. Regina, Qu'Appelle and Long Lake Railway Company. The Government and this company have not yet come to an agreement as to the lands which are to be scheduled and conveyed to the company under the statutes and Orders in Council providing a land subsidy in aid of the construction of this road. 3. Manitoba North-western Railway Company. A tract of land sufficient to provide for the land subsidy to which this railway company is entitled has been under reservation since 4th of October, 1884, the schedules of the townships out of which this grant may be made having in the meantime been altered and amended, but the area under reservation not diminished. The whole of the area to which the company is entitled on account of construction has not yet been transferred to them, but land warrants to the full amount of the area earned have been issued by the company, endorsed by the Government, and on selection by the holders of the warrants the lands are patented to them. 234,293 48-100 acres of land have been patented to the company or their nominees, and 1,267,082 52-100 acres remain still to be patented. Under an arrangement with the government of Manitoba, however, from which aid was obtained by the company, under the Provincial Railway Subsidies Act, the Government of Canada has undertaken not to issue patents for more than 5,000 acres per month, without the express consent of the Manitoba government. The provincial government in each month are furnished with a schedule of the lands patented to the company or their nominees. The record of these patents, in the Department of the Interior, is available to the public, and so, presumably, is the record in the possession of the government of Manitoba. In so far as concerns that portion of the land patented which is situated in the North-west Territories, the registry office at Regina and Prince Albert, from which the certificate of title issue, also contain a record which is open to the public. 4. The Alberta Railway and Coal Company. This company is entitled, in consideration of the construction of their line of railway from Dunmore to Lethbridge, to 700,000 acres, of which 691,872.58 acres have been scheduled to them, leaving a balance of 8,928 yet to be selected and scheduled. In consideration of the construction of that portion of their railway from Lethbridge to the international boundary they are entitled to 413,568, of

which they have selected 409,756, leaving a balance of 31,812 acres to be selected. The record in this case also is in the Department of the Interior and open to the public. All these railway companies are required to pay at the rate of 10 cents per acre to cover the cost of survey before patents can be issued to them.

Mr. OLIVER asked :

What amount of land in the North-west Territories, earned by the Canadian Pacific Railway on account of grant has not yet been transferred to that company? If any land so earned has not been transferred, why has it not been, and when will it be?

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is still engaged in the selection of the lands earned by the construction of the road. The original land grant was 25,000,000 acres, reduced by 6,793,014 acres under the operation of the Act 49 Victoria, chap. 9. Of the 18,206,986 acres of which the company were still entitled after the settlement under this Act, 13,844,871 have already been selected, and the company and the Government are together prosecuting the work of completing the company's land grant as rapidly as circumstances permit. No specific portion of the company's land grant is under the statute to be found in the North-west Territories, but 11,338,187 acres of the selections already made by the company are situated in the Territories. Only a small percentage of the land in the Territories has been patented to the company or their nominees, and the balance of their land grant is still subject to the mortgage created under the Act 51 Victoria, chapter 32, under which the hon. the Minister of Finance of Canada, John Turnbull, G. M. Clark and R. B. Angus are the trustees. Any patents that are issued to the company direct are subject to this mortgage, and patents can only be issued to purchasers upon a form of release of the mortgage being recorded in the Department of the Interior. The lands are not available for sale to settlers or others until released from the mortgage.

UNOPPOSED NOTICES OF MOTION.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I was going to suggest to the hon. leader of the Government whether it would not expedite business to take the unopposed motions, as we sometimes have done, and in that way reach all those that are not opposed, and, later, have an opportunity for discussion on the others.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). Very well.

Mr. SPEAKER. By the consent of the House the notices of motion will be called, but only those which are not subject to debate and which are unopposed will be taken for the present, and the list will again be gone over when that portion has been eliminated.