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A consolidation of the Manitoba Grain Act and certain portions of the Inspection and Sale Act is being made by the Government. This is a matter of considerable importance to the North-West.

The Government is wisely acquiring and retaining for Dominion public parks greater areas than were formerly included in the reserves set apart by the Forest Reserves Act and the Rocky Mountains Park Act. The purposes of forest reserves and forest parks are identical in many respects, while they differ in others. A forest reserve is withdrawn from occupation, whereas a forest park is primarily intended for the purposes of pleasure. It has been found necessary to change the boundaries of the existing reserves, and also to include a forest reserve covering the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Power is also taken to expropriate property of private owners within an area desired for a park.

Much additional legislation is foreshadowed, but there is sufficient already in evidence to keep the Federal Parliament very busy for some months to come, apart from the time expected to be occupied in debating the reciprocity agreement, in discussing the report of the Printing Bureau investigation, and in the consideration of many other matters which loom up largely in the political horizon.

JUDGES AND ROYAL COMMISSIONS.

The undesirability of appointing judges to preside over Royal Commissions and do work outside the range of their proper judicial duties has, as we gather from our contemporary, *The Law Notes*, again come up for discussion in England. It would appear that Lord Justice Vaughan Williams, one of the Lord Justices of Appeal, was one of three Commissioners to report on matters connected with the Welsh Church. He seems to have disagreed with the other Commissioners, for they complained