

that is fenced off for the purpose of the hotel, and will notice what a very large proportion of the park still remains for the benefit of the city, will see at once that there is no ground for the objections which our friends are taking to the hotel site. The whole matter has been sufficiently guarded, not only by the city council, but by the government, and I am satisfied, as I have already said, that when it is completed and the park is extended my hon. friend will be thoroughly satisfied that the commission have done their duty and that it will be a pride to the whole country.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I am exceedingly obliged for the information the hon. gentleman has given me and the House. I am under the impression that I understand the duties and the powers of the commission as well as my hon. friend does. I did not say that it was to be exclusively the back yard or the playground of the hotel. I said it would be used as such, and the people of Ottawa or other people who come here would not be deprived of going into the park any more than they are now; but that does not change my position in the least.

Hon. Mr. FROST—I took the statement made by the hon. gentleman as tantamount to saying that the park will be merely the backyard of the hotel.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—So it will be.

Hon. Mr. FROST—And also it was to be the playground; but it is to be for the whole city and a large proportion of the park remains for that purpose.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—My hon. friend, in informing the Chamber of the fact that the Commission exercises control over the Major's Hill Park, omitted to say whether they exercised control at the time of the alienation of this land to the Grand Trunk Railway, or am I to understand that they momentarily lost control, and that some other authority stepped in and disposed of the property? Will my hon. friend say whether the Commission was a consenting party to this sale which has taken place?

Hon. Mr. FROST—I might say for the information of the hon. gentleman, that

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while the Commission exercise control, they do so under the government. They are a commission of the government, and the government can reverse what they do if they see fit. The expenditure of every dollar of money has to be submitted to the government.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Was there any active protest against this? Did the Commission protest to the government against making a sale of this land to the railway for hotel purposes?

Hon. Mr. FROST—No. There was no protest against it, because I think the Commission were well satisfied that the hotel itself would be, as it is going to be, in harmony with the parliament buildings and with the new departmental building that is eventually to be built upon Sussex street. This building will be in harmony with the whole of these buildings as far as architecture is concerned, so that it will not be an eyesore.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I had no idea of speaking on this subject, but I think every hon. gentleman should express an opinion on the question at issue. My hon. friend referred to the opposition. That word should not be used in this Senate so far as any opposition is concerned. This is a matter where political opposition or feeling does not come in. It is no question whatever of politics, and is entirely independent of any political party, and I think it is not right that the gentlemen in this Senate who have a thorough acquaintance with this matter, gentlemen who are in a position to be thoroughly independent do not on this occasion—and I say so with a good deal of respect—give expression to opinions when, undoubtedly, their silence is as eloquent as their words would be. That would go to show that senators are by no means in harmony in their views of this matter. As the hon. gentleman from Belleville said, this land was handed over by the home government, as public property, just as the ordnance lands were in Kingston, and Sir John Macdonald would never, in his lifetime, allow any party in Kingston to alienate one inch of those grounds. He had an idea that the home government might at some time demand