

with a view of selecting a name that will please everybody.

As to the publication of the regulations, it is difficult at this moment to make any provision, because there is now no suitable medium of publication in that locality; but my hon. friend may rest assured that in addition to the publication which the law requires in the official *Gazette*, the rules and regulations will receive, as soon as there is a medium of publication in that locality or anywhere within reasonable access, a full publication so that no person can reasonably expect to be ignorant of them. I am happy to say that there is a plan of the park, but it does not contain quite as many details as we would wish. The plan shows the general outlines of the park and the scenery. It certainly comprises a great variety of mountain, stream and lake, and from what I can hear of it unparalleled beauty of scenery and salubrity of climate. I shall lay the plan on the table for examination by any hon. gentleman who may desire to see it.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—I desire to say that I am entirely in accord with the Minister in the name which he has selected. I think it important, and highly proper, that that which nature has done there in her mountains should be blended with the name. Take for instance—and we see how happily it is done—the City of Montreal. The mountain there is made part of the name, and very properly. There is nothing in the North-West that can be remembered or will be spoken of by tourists, by writers and by others to the same extent as our mountains. They are on a grand scale—perhaps the grandest of any in the world, and to leave that feature out of any name selected would, in my opinion, be a great mistake. I shall have great pleasure in supporting the name proposed by the Minister, or any other which would blend with it that grandest of all features connected with the park, the mountains. Although the name may appear at present to be a little cumbersome, time will smooth that as it did in the case of Mount Royal. To-day every Frenchman, and every Englishman pronounces the name as smoothly as if the proper title were not “Mont Royal,” and

I think the people of Montreal acted very wisely in associating the mountain with the name of their city.

HON. MR. J. J. ROSS (in French)—I highly approve of the project of establishing the Park in question, and if the mineral waters there which are so highly spoken of, possess the virtues with which they are credited, the Government will render immense service to those who suffer (and they are numerous), by making provision for their comfort and furnishing amusements and other means of advancing their recovery. As to the name by which the park shall be known, I admit, hon. gentlemen, that I am a little too practical in my nature to delay long and expend a great deal of sentiment in discussing the point. I believe, with others, that the proposed name, or the name of the “Rocky Mountains Park of Canada,” will suit perfectly. If I have properly understood the nature of the amendment to which the hon. leader of the House has made allusion, its object is to protect the rights of the Hudson Bay Company who, owing to prior arrangements, could claim a portion of the grounds on the site of the park. If these rights exist, would it not be better that the Government should at once acquire them? For in case a large sum of money should be expended in improvements by the Government, the Hudson Bay Company might come in and demand an excessively high price for the property. It will be much more prudent, in my opinion, to conclude arrangements with them before commencing the work. If we wish to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the reign of our virtuous and well beloved sovereign, in connection with the establishment of this Park, it will be possible to erect there a column, or a monument, which will tell to future generations of the respect and love which we entertain for her, and our admiration for her great virtues.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—The danger to which my hon. friend refers was observed at the time of the preparation of the amendment, and in framing it care has been taken not to give any foundation for a claim which may not actually and lawfully exist at this moment.