

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I should say that would relate to the lands which the Indians held on that particular day, and then we make that good; that is to say, the lands were unsold on the 1st day of June, 1915, but they have afterwards been disposed of. I think that is the meaning of that clause. Probably they were all in the Indian Patentee at that time.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Did these lands come within this agreement?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, these are the lands referred to.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I think I ought to draw the attention of the leader of the Government to a rather irregular procedure that has occurred in regard to this Bill. When the motion was carried to strike out this part of clause 2, which I understand the leader is now moving to have reinstated, the hon. leader of the Government then moved that the committee rise, but our chairman at that time never put the motion to the committee, never gave the members of the committee an opportunity of saying whether they accepted the motion or not. He simply rose and left the Chair. I think, without wishing to say anything unkind of our chairman, another time he should see that the motion is put to the committee, and give them an opportunity of recording their vote, whether they wished the motion carried or not.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY—I looked to the leader of the Opposition for inspiration, and he gave me no sign. The House acquiesced and I left the Chair.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—There is no question that the motion of my hon. friend that the committee rise was not put to the committee.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY—I quite admit that it was not put.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It was an oversight, and to overcome that we are again in committee.

On subclause (c):

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I understand from that clause (c) that this money is not necessarily going to be paid up at once; that the title will be registered with a lien of \$1 against it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, but just as soon as paid the lien will be released and the caveat removed.

Hon. Mr. WATSON.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Is it necessary for the owner who has purchased the land to give a lien, or will the Government exercise the power to register the lien without the owner's consent?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, the caveat has been, under the Land Titles Act of Manitoba, registered against the land, and the caveat remains until the dollar is paid, and immediately the dollar is paid then the caveat is released, and the certificate of title issued.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Who put the caveat against the land?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The Registrar General caused the caveat to be filed. Apparently whatever was done was done by the Registrar General of Manitoba, and then of course that at once suspended any transaction with reference to the land.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Why should the Registrar General of Manitoba have registered a caveat against it?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Because the Registrar General is charged with satisfying himself under the Act that a proper title has been made by the transferrer of the land; that is to say, if the Registrar General is of opinion that an irregular title has been made, or that a title has been made through fraud or any other cause, he has a right to intervene, and to suspend by way of caveat any further transaction in the land until that difficulty is removed.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Will my hon. friend give us the statute?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That is the provincial statute.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I was looking at the statute and could not find the clause that gave him all that power. It seems to me that his authority was confined to seeing that the title was regular, and that the documents were properly executed, but he had no power under the Manitoba Act to give abstract documents and find out whether—

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—He is the creature of the statute. It confers the only power he can exercise, and it seems to me the action of the Registrar General must have been justified. Otherwise, an application could have been made to one of the superior courts of Manitoba, or to whatever court had jurisdiction, to review the finding of the registrar, and an order might have been made directing him to do something