

notice that under paragraph 3 of section 36 a copy of the notice has to be published in a local paper, but I would submit that in addition a copy of the notice should be sent by registered mail to the party or parties interested in the land to be expropriated by the board. I think it is only fair and reasonable that proper notice should be given by the board of their intention to proceed with expropriation.

The CHAIRMAN: I must point out, before the minister replies, that a motion to report a Bill is not debatable. Therefore, if the hon. gentleman desires to ask a question he cannot do so unless the minister withdraws his motion to report the Bill.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I will ask leave to withdraw the motion and then give the hon. gentleman an answer. If he will turn to subclause 3 of section 36 he will find the following provision:

The board shall, in addition to such gazetting, publish like notice to that gazetted four times, with intervals of not less than five days between each publication, in one newspaper having a circulation throughout the district wherein such settlement area is wholly or partly contained, and mail two copies of the Gazette in which such notice first appears to the registrar of deeds in said district.

So that we have first the gazetting, secondly the newspaper advertising, and thirdly the registration at the registry office which is all that anybody ever gets even in the case of a caveat on his land. We could not undertake to mail a notice to the owner because we do not know who the owner may be. A search at the land office would not necessarily disclose the owner; there might be various men in different parts of the world interested. We cannot make that a condition precedent at all, but we take every other precaution which is reasonable, possible or practicable.

Bill reported, and amendments read the first and second time and concurred in.

VANCOUVER HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

ADVANCE OF \$5,000,000 FOR TERMINAL FACILITIES.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Ballantyne (Minister of Marine), Bill No. 149, to provide for a loan not exceeding five million dollars to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, was read a second time and the House went into Committee thereon, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

On section 2—The Crown may advance \$5,000,000 to Corporation:

Mr. LEMIEUX: I received some time ago, as I suppose did other members of

the House, a letter from a gentleman—I forget his name now—protesting very strongly against the site of the proposed deep water piers. Can my hon. friend give the Committee some explanation?

Mr. BALLANTYNE: I do not think I have seen the letter that the hon. member refers to, but there is a considerable difference of opinion as to whether the new deep water piers ought to be erected in what is known as Burrard's Inlet—that is, the harbour proper—or in what is known as False Creek, or the Kitsilano Indian Reserve. Hon. members who represent the city of Vancouver rather favour False Creek, but other gentlemen do not. So the matter will stand in abeyance until I can myself visit Vancouver at the end of August and go over the situation very carefully, taking the best engineering advice and ascertaining the views of the harbour commissioners, in order to be in a position to report to the Government where the development should take place.

Mr. McKENZIE: Can the minister tell the Committee if the harbour commissioners own the place where those improvements are to be made?

Mr. BALLANTYNE: The harbour commissioners, who are acting as trustees for the Crown lands there, own all the foreshore rights of the harbour proper, that is, Burrard's Inlet, with the exception of areas in regard to which there is a dispute between the Canadian Pacific railway and the harbour commissioners. That matter is receiving the attention of the Government, but a large portion of the harbour, that is, the Crown lands up to high water mark, is owned by the Government and managed by the harbour commissioners, and where we intend to put these piers the Government undoubtedly own the foreshore rights.

Mr. McKENZIE: I understand that there is a dispute about some foreshore rights in the province of British Columbia, and that the matter is now before the Privy Council. Would that dispute affect the harbour rights that the harbour commissioners have to deal with?

Mr. BALLANTYNE: As far as I have been able to go into it, and I have done so very carefully, I cannot find any disputed territory at all, except that in dispute between the Dominion Government and the Canadian Pacific railway. There is ample room for further development there, even if we could not come to a satisfactory arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Rail-