

tion of Major's Hill Park in the city of Ottawa as a hotel site—Mr. Pugsley—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It was understood that when the Bill came up for consideration in committee, I would produce the plans of the proposed hotel, and I now lay them on the table. The Bill ratifies the order in council which was passed containing the agreement between the government and the company. It provides also that the price of the land, which is \$100,000, shall be paid over by the government to the Ottawa Improvement Commission, to be expended upon improvements under the direction of the Governor in Council. Before the Bill passes, I beg to propose the following amendment:

That the following section be added:

Provided, however, that if the Grand Trunk Railway Company so requests, the conveyance of the said land may be made to the Ottawa Terminals Railway Company.

The Grand Trunk Railway proposes to place the property, consisting of railway station and hotel, in the name of a subordinate company, which was incorporated by Act of this House for the purpose of holding these properties. The matter was fully discussed on the first reading, and I do not know that I need explain the plans further than to say it is intended to erect a six story building.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the total height?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Apart from the towers, the height will be about 100 feet. There are to be five floors above ground, in addition to the attic floor, and also a basement and sub-basement.

Mr. FOSTER. What are the dimensions?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I presume it is pretty nearly the size of the lot of land that has been arranged for. The land extends 285 feet on the canal basin and 135 feet on Rideau street. The basement plan which is here shows the shape of the building. Extending from the side of the canal, at the rear, the land is 66 feet in width. Then it extends parallel to the canal basin 205 feet 3 inches, and then running parallel to Rideau street 86 feet 6 inches. My information is that there is to be a subway running from the station into the basement of the hotel, and of course, elevators to the higher floors.

Mr. FOSTER. And an entrance to the hotel from Rideau street on the ground floor?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. Is that entrance on their own ground?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes. There is also an entrance on the side facing the canal basin.

On the side facing Mackenzie avenue there is a terrace and entrance direct from the terrace.

Mr. HAGGART. There is no entrance on the side next Mackenzie avenue?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No entrance from the avenue itself.

Mr. LENNOX. Is there no entrance from the park to the hotel?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This being a public park, I presume there will be an opportunity for guests of the hotel to reach the park and for the people from the park to enter the hotel.

Mr. BENNETT. That is only a question of not having a fence.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Can the minister tell us the total amount the Grand Trunk will spend upon the hotel?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I cannot tell, except from statements I have seen in the newspapers. I have seen, as, no doubt, members generally have seen, that lengthy negotiations have been going on between the City Council of Ottawa and the Grand Trunk Railway Company over the plans of the hotel and station. Plans have been approved by the City Council, and a few days ago I was informed by his worship the mayor that an agreement had been entered into in accordance with the resolutions of the city council. I have seen it stated that the hotel is to cost somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$1,500,000.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Has the government no definite knowledge before entering into this arrangement with the Grand Trunk?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This Bill ratifies the order in council, and the plans and specifications are to be approved by the Governor in Council. So that, passing this Bill will not conclude the matter, but the plans will then come formally before the government for approval.

Mr. LENNOX. What clause of the order in council is that?

Mr. PUGSLEY. On page 2 of the order in council, the hon. gentleman will find this:

The minister also recommends one condition of the grant to the railway, that the hotel shall be constructed within two years from the date of said grant, such construction to be in accordance with plans approved by the government of Canada.

Mr. BENNETT. Is not a minimum expenditure guaranteed?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am not aware as to that.

Mr. BENNETT. Then, so long as it suits the city and the government the contract