

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—There are 28,000,000 acres in the area; commencing some distance west of Moosejaw extending to a point some distance east of Calgary on the Canadian Pacific Railway and from the international boundary to township 44. Within that area only are the duplicate homesteads issued under this Bill. In the Bill of last year it was general—no restriction; now the duplicate homesteads with the right to re-purchase 160 acres are limited to the area I have described.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—There will be 28,000,000 acres available for pre-emption, or available for homestead and pre-emption—which is it?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—That is the full amount in the area I have described.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That does not apply only to the pre-emption?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, there is a pre-emption outside of that.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—No, that is the total area of land available for homestead.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think not.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The law, as it stands to-day, permits of homestead entries being made on surveyed even numbered sections. Consequently, the substantial amendment to the Act lies in reviving the old pre-emptive right of the settler, and making provision for lands that may be taken up for that purpose. I want to know the area of land that will be available for pre-emption as distinguished from homestead?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Probably if I just read the figures the hon. gentlemen will understand. The area allotted to the railways, the odd numbered section, amounts to 32,000,000 acres, and about the same number, 31,000,000 to 32,000,000, have been taken up as homesteads and disposed of. The total area of good lands was estimated at 170,000,000 acres, and from that you will deduct 64,000,000, being 32,000,000 taken up on account of the railways, and 32,000,000 taken up or supplied as homesteads.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED.

The area in the part under which present homesteaders have the right to make a second homestead and to buy the adjoining lot, is limited, as I said before, to the area I described just now. In that area there are 28,000,000 acres and the homesteaders can now settle on either the odd or even numbers. I think I have answered the question of the hon. leader of the opposition. I think that is the usual courtesy.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I ask very many questions and never get an answer.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Better get the leader of the opposition to ask them.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Does the hon. gentleman persist in his objection?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Certainly I do.

#### MAJOR'S HILL PARK BILL

#### THIRD READING.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bill (S9) An Act to authorize the sale to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada of a portion of Major's Hill Park, in the city of Ottawa, as a hotel site.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Can my hon. friend say at the moment what the restriction referred to in the Ordinance and Admiralty Land Act in the preamble of the Bill, where it says, 'And subject to the restrictions with regard to the sale thereof prescribed by said Act.' Those lands were handed over to Canada by the imperial government.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, they were reserved by Canada. At the time they were taken over by the Ordnance Department, they were divided into two sections. One was open for sale, for instance all lower town was held open for sale; then there were certain lands, such as the land we are on now, the park and Nepean Point, reserved for military purposes.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Is not the reservation to which my hon. friend