

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Undoubtedly, but he would have the privilege to speak.

Mr. SPEAKER: The privilege of speaking was extended to him, but it was not permissible to him, after he had spoken, to move another motion in the same speech.

#### MAJOR'S HILL PARK.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: May I ask the Minister of Public Works as to a matter which is of special interest to the citizens of Ottawa. I have not been in Major's Hill park for some years, but I have been informed that it is insufficiently lighted. Is it the intention of the minister to have more lights placed in the park?

Mr. ROGERS: The matter was mentioned in the department the other day, and a report is to be made. I shall be glad to inform my right hon. friend what conclusion has been arrived at.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Can the minister tell me whether or not Major's Hill Park at the present time is reserved exclusively for pedestrians, or whether it is open to vehicular traffic?

Mr. ROGERS: I cannot answer that question now; I will get the information.

#### PRINCE ALBERT HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

Mr. OLIVER: I desire to renew my request to the Minister of Public Works for information that would enable me to identify the files from which he took certain information on Thursday last in the discussion on the Prince Albert homestead entry, with a view to asking for an order of the House to have these papers brought down.

Mr. ROGERS: File No. 726a.

Mr. OLIVER: That is the only one?

Mr. ROGERS: That is all.

#### KITSILANO INDIAN RESERVE.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Edmonton) asked for leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, being the purchase by the Government of British Columbia of the Kitsilano Indian Reserve, on Tuesday, April 8, and the removal of the Indians from that reserve on Thursday, April 10, without the knowledge or consent of the Dominion Government, as shown by the reply given on Monday last to an inquiry as to the same.

And leave having been granted:

He said: In order that the House may understand exactly the position I will read the question and answer as they appear in 'Hansard,' Monday, April 21:

Mr. Oliver:

1. Does the Government take measures to safeguard the rights of Indians to the land of their reserves in British Columbia when sales of such land are being made?

2. Is the Government aware of steps being taken, as alleged, to acquire from the Indians of the Kitsilano reserve, Vancouver, B.C., their rights to the land of the reserve by the provincial Government of British Columbia, or by other parties or interests?

3. Is the Government a party to the proposals of purchase being made by or on behalf of the British Columbia Government?

Mr. Crothers:

1. Yes.

2. No.

3. Answered by No. 2.

In view of the importance of the matter, and in view of the fact that there have been very definite statements made in the public press with regard to the purchase of this reserve, it was entirely desirable that the facts as stated should be brought to the attention of the House, and the country, and the Government. Without criticising, it would seem to me that there is a width of difference between the answer to the question and the statements in the press which certainly calls for consideration and explanation. I find in the Daily Colonist, Victoria, B.C., Wednesday, April 9, a despatch from Vancouver dated April 8, the purport of which despatch is that Attorney-General Bowser at Astley's Hall, said that over a quarter of a million dollars, divided into twenty separate payments of eleven thousand dollars each, had been paid by the provincial Government to Indians for the purchase of the Kitsilano reserve of eighty acres; that the sale was made through the Bank of Commerce and the Indians were to vacate their reserve. In the Daily News Advertiser of Vancouver, April 9, I find this statement:

This is a good purchase for the province which acquires a complete title to eighty acres of land at moderate cost. But it is not a bad sale for the Indians, whose title was subject to a reversionary interest, and who could not have sold to private parties for the price of freehold property.

The article goes on to say:

This reserve lying in the heart of the city of Vancouver.

In the daily News-Advertiser of April 10, there is a statement that:

Indians left Kitsilano yesterday. Twenty families, sixty or seventy in all, left for Squamish, North Vancouver and Mission.

It would appear, therefore, that the transaction is not in progress but that it has been actually closed. The money has been paid, a matter of about a quarter of million of dollars; the Indians have left the reserve in accordance with the bargain made with them; and the Government of