

Canada Lands Surveys Act

to have such a hatred for the word "dominion" why not use "Canada" throughout? Why not say "Canada land surveyor" instead of "dominion land surveyor"? There must be some reason.

Mr. Prudham: Probably the hon. member was not present a few moments ago. I gave that explanation earlier.

Mr. Brooks: I should like to ask the minister whether any of these lands are granted for settlement. I notice that surveys are made, and I should like to know whether there has been any settlement in the last few years, and if so to what extent?

Mr. Prudham: This department does not have the management of lands. We institute these surveys at the request of the minister responsible. I think probably in the Northwest Territories that condition will exist.

Section agreed to.

Sections 34 and 35 agreed to.

On section 36—*Townships to contain thirty-six sections.*

Mr. Knowles: I should like to ask a question with regard to the diagram which forms part of subsection 2. I have lived long enough in western Canada that I should know the answer, but this question has often presented itself to me. Is the road allowance in addition to the mile which is the width of the section? In other words, is a township exactly six miles wide or is each section a little less than a mile wide?

Mr. Prudham: The road allowance is in addition to the measured mile.

Mr. Knowles: Then the township would actually be more than six miles wide?

Mr. Prudham: That is right.

Section agreed to.

On section 37—*Allowance north and south error.*

Mr. Herridge: I should like to ask the minister the maximum error per mile allowed by the surveyor general in surveys of this type.

Mr. Prudham: The surveyor general is looking that up.

Section stands.

Sections 38 to 47 inclusive agreed to.

On section 48—*Definitions.*

Mr. Catherwood: This section refers to the Minister of Resources and Development, while section 50 refers to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys; why the difference?

Mr. Prudham: The Northwest Territories and the Yukon are under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Resources and Development. The Department of Mines and Technical Surveys carry out surveys at his request.

Mr. Wright: Are squatters' rights in the Northwest Territories recognized? Under the old Dominion Lands Surveys Act, which applied to the provinces before the natural resources were turned over, squatters' rights were recognized.

Mr. Prudham: I think we will have to go to the Department of Resources and Development for that answer. There is provision for appeals, and I think the matter would probably be settled by that means.

Section agreed to.

Section 49 agreed to.

On section 50—*When undertaken.*

Mr. McLure: This section refers to a dominion land surveyor, and there would appear to be no such thing as a Canada land surveyor.

Mr. Prudham: I think the hon. gentleman will have to refer to *Hansard* for the complete explanation I gave earlier. There is no such person as a Canada land surveyor; he is known as a dominion land surveyor.

Section agreed to.

Sections 51 to 59 inclusive agreed to.

On section 60—*Registration of plans.*

Mr. Herridge: Can anyone secure a copy of field survey notes from the surveyor general in connection with any lands he may be interested in?

Mr. Prudham: Yes.

Section agreed to.

On section 61—*General power to survey.*

Mr. Prudham: I should like one of my colleagues to move an amendment as follows:

61. (1) Subject to this act, the minister may, if in his opinion a survey thereof under the management of the surveyor general is required, cause a survey to be made of any lands belonging to His Majesty in right of Canada or of which the government of Canada has power to dispose, but, where surveys of such lands affect or are likely to affect the rights of landowners of adjoining lands, the surveys shall be made by a surveyor who holds a valid and subsisting certificate, diploma, commission or other document entitling him to survey lands in the province in which such surveys are made.

(2) The provisions of this act relating to surveys shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to surveys made under subsection one.

Mr. Bradley: I so move.