

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—What about the Insurance Act?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The hon. gentleman knows as much as I do about it. The committee took it out of the hands of the government, and it has been there since.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—What about the Boundaries of Manitoba Bill?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—That is in statu quo, too. I hope it will be brought down.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—And the Hudson Bay Railway Bill?

THIRD READINGS.

Bill (113) An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

Bill (Z) An Act relating to the Water-Carriage of Goods.—(Hon. Mr. Campbell.)

Bill (MM) An Act to incorporate the Synod of the Diocese of Keewatin.—(Hon. Mr. Ellis.)

Bill (YY) An Act respecting the Crown Life Insurance Company.—(Hon. Mr. Lougheed.)

EXCHANGE OF LANDS BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of Bill (163) An Act to authorize the exchange of certain school lands for other Dominion lands. He said this affects two pieces of land, one relating to Joseph Fisher, of Millarville, Alberta, and the other to Martin Aitken. In the latter case, the party has been in possession of the land from 1880. I presume he went on the land not knowing it was school land. The Act requires that these sales shall not be made until the Minister of the Interior selects other lands of equal value for school purposes.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Can my hon. friend say what Joseph Fisher is paying for this particular section of land?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, I have not been advised.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Could my hon. friend, before we go into committee, get that information?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes.

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Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—They are different cases.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes. One is under the Irrigation Act and the other, where the man went into possession in 1880 and made improvements.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It appears rather exceptional that the government should sell apparently by private sale a school section to Joseph Fisher.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I presume it is in connection with the sale of some irrigation lands where the area is larger than 160 acres. However, I will have that information when the Bill comes up again.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Under the provisions of the Act setting aside lands for school purposes, provision is made that they must be sold by public auction. Why is that rule departed from?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—These are special cases. In one case the party entered into possession twenty odd years ago, and in the other the lands are sold under the Irrigation Act, and this property would be included in the area that was sold. However, I will get that information before the Bill takes another stage.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

GOLD AND SILVER PLATED WARE BILL.

SECOND READING POSTPONED.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of Bill (AA) An Act respecting the Sale and Marking of Manufactures of Gold and Silver and Gold and Silver Plated Ware.

He said: This Bill has been before the House for several years, and has been postponed from time to time.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—It is not printed.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It has been printed several times. It is a copy of a Bill that we passed here, and from time to time we have held it back because of a disagreement between the parties in the trade in reference to the standard, whether it should be nine or ten carats. That is practically the only point. They have finally