

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Congress met at 2 p.m., with the President in the chair.

J. Rose moved,

"That all subsidies, grants to, or purchases of, large quantities of land by individuals or companies, be stopped at once, and that in future no individuals or companies shall be allowed to hold or purchase more than three hundred acres in any part or district."

H. E. Griffiths had been in the North-West, where these troubles existed. He knew people who had gone up there and taken up land. A subsidy was made to a company, and their small lots were taken from them. The settler was not considered at all.

G. W. Reid thought the land should be limited to three hundred and twenty acres, or a half section, as it was regularly surveyed.

J. Rose was quite willing to make that alteration.

A. F. Jury moved in amendment,

"That all subsidies, grants to, or purchases of, large quantities of land to individuals or companies be stopped at once, and that in future no individual shall be allowed to purchase more than three hundred and twenty acres, or that amount per head, of the public lands of the Dominion, and that grants be only made to actual settlers."

The mover explained that he was a co-operator. He believed the ultimate destiny of society would be co-operation. They could form co-operative colonies in the North-West. They might then have a steam plough.

J. Aldridge seconded the amendment.

C. M. Harris thought Mr. Jury's amendment closely bordered on the monopolies which had just been condemned by the Congress.

Mr. Rose did not like to see any land go to those who were not actual settlers. He hoped the land grabbers would not get hold of any more of it.

W. E. Meredith believed that the only way to make the North-West worth anything was to have colonization companies. Any mechanic might be a stockholder.

J. Rooney explained that not many years ago, when some of the railroads were being built, the mechanics bought their \$5 shares and lost their money.

S. Potts was not in favor of Mr. Jury's amendment.