

deems advisable for the construction of buildings for ordinary habitation and purposes of trade and industry and so on. Then the next sub-clause provides for the working of mines for the development of mining interests, and the issuing of licenses or permits of occupation for such purposes within the park. The next sub-clause provides for trade and traffic of every description. The next clause provides for the preservation and protection of game and fish and for the pasturage of cattle and the management of lands. It seems to me that all these provisions are, on the face of them, inconsistent with the main object of the Bill, and I think there should be some provision to limit the powers of the minister in respect to all these matters. I doubt very much the wisdom of sub-section C. The lands should only be leased for the purpose of erecting cottages and hotels, and the power of the Minister should be limited in some such way. It is a great pity that one of the largest deposits of anthracite coal in the North-West should happen to be within the limits of this park, and the Government should be careful how they allow those mines to be worked, for one can conceive nothing more opposed to the development of the picturesque in a region like that than the working of a coal mine. I am not familiar with the working of coal mines but I know sufficient of them to be aware that they do not render a district picturesque. Then the proposition to issue licenses for pasturage of cattle and for hay lands seems to be inconsistent with what one would suppose to be one of the main features of this park, that is the preservation of specimens of wild animals indigenous to that portion of the country. If we have all these industries going on and cattle ranches in operation, it is quite impossible that we should be able to preserve as we ought to, the wild animals of that region. Surely there is land enough throughout the North-West for cattle grazing without encroaching upon this comparatively small tract of country for that purpose, and I hope the Minister will see whether it be not possible to make such provisions as will limit the opera-

tion of those sub-sections to the greatest possible extent.

HON. MR. DICKEY—An objection has been made to this bill that the area reserved is too large, and now the objection is that it is so small that it should be entirely reserved as a place of recreation and a sanatorium. The two objections do not seem to run very well together, and I think a little consideration of the general scope and object of this bill will satisfy my hon. friend from Halifax, that there is no inconsistency whatever in regard to specifying a good many objects in connection with which the Government may make regulations. Take the subject of mines. Is it any objection to this reservation that it shall be found hereafter to contain valuable mines? For instance should there be gold or silver discovered there, which I venture to apprehend from a little knowledge of the district, is not at all improbable, why should it be objected that this gold or silver should be worked because it happened to be in a large reserve called by the name of a park? So far from that being the case, I think we all, as Canadians, should be delighted at such a thing being the case. Then take the most obnoxious of those mines—coal mines—these are all worked under ground, and the only erections that are seen at the mines are those above ground connected with the hoisting and despatching of the coal. Why should we object to a park covering such mines, and why should we object to the Government having power to so regulate the working and development of those mines that they shall not interfere with the other objects which are contemplated by this Bill? I do not see any inconsistency in it myself. If there is objection to having the mines developed, then that part of the park ought not to be reserved as a park at all. Surely the hon. gentleman does not propose that those treasures shall be locked up for all time to come merely because they happened to be within the limit of the park. Then take the preservation of wild animals. One of the provisions of this Bill is for the preservation and protection of game of every description, and it is not at all inconsistent that we should see a