

it is. The feelings which prompt him to continue to use the old name. I think it is in memory of Sir William Logan, who founded the department about fifty years ago. I can remember when it was a very small Survey, and when Sir William Logan had the whole thing in a small room in Montreal. In that way it was called the Geological Survey of Canada; it was intended only for geological survey work; but naturally, as the country opened up and grew, additional branches had to be added. More information was needed about other things than geology alone, particularly about that important branch, mining. Of course, from year to year other branches of natural science have been added; therefore, while I would like to retain the name of Geological Survey I cannot close my eyes to the fact that the department is one of natural science. This particular department takes in a great many subjects. While I am not pledged to any name, I rather think the title of Geological Survey ought to give place to the name in the Bill. Of course, in a few years the other name will be forgotten. It is now remembered because Sir William Logan gave it that name.

HON. MR. LACOSTE—As I said before, we have no objections to the name being changed, or being left as it is in the Bill. I think, however, that the name had better remain as we have now put it in this Bill.

On the 2nd clause,—

HON. MR. POWER said—I should like to know whether the Government intend to take on a large number of employés or not?

HON. MR. LACOSTE—I believe it is the intention of the Government to have only the necessary employés. If any new ones are required in the public interest, I suppose they will have to appoint them.

The clause was adopted.

On the 5th clause,—

HON. MR. DICKEY said—I think this is the most important section in the whole Bill, because it is the only one that appears to have any practical bearing on the future service of this department to the country. The complaint has hitherto been made that it was the Geological Survey only in name, and that we derive really very little

advantage from it. This clause for the first time seems to specify the particular character of business of this department, and I must say that it is very much needed, because we have had numerous and expensive surveys made and work done, and very few practical results to show for it. I do not say that they have been of no benefit, but I do think we might have had much more practical results from the service. We have had annually many surveys, and a large amount of money has been expended for the information which has so far been very limited. There is a great need that these changes should be carried out. I hope the result of this Bill will be such as the Government now hope for.

HON. MR. POWER—I am disposed to agree with the hon. gentleman who has just sat down as to the desirability of making this department more practical. While it is of course desirable that we should get all the information we can, still I do not think that it is necessary that the country should be put to any unnecessary expenditure. With respect to sub-section (d), I don't know how it may be in other Provinces, but in the Province of Nova Scotia the Government has an inspector of mines, and publishes statistics of the mining industries, and the report of the inspector of mines on the condition of mining in the Province. If this work is being done by the other Provinces, and at the provincial expense, it does not seem to me that there is any necessity of having it duplicated here. The Government ought to make some arrangement which will avoid duplicating any expenditure that the Government of any of the Provinces have taken upon themselves in connection with the work done in publishing these statistics and reports. The language in the last two lines of sub-section (d) is rather vague.

I presume the intention is that the department shall preserve records of the locations of artesian wells, &c., but the language which is used in the Bill does not seem to me to express what is required, but to imply something more extensive. These records would be for a great number of years back, and if it is the intention of the Government to collect them, they will have to erect a very large building for the purpose of holding these records. I think that the language or wording of that section should be altered so that it would