

of resort it will attract visitors under any name, and the name can at any time be altered if found desirable.

HON. MR. ODELL—When my attention was first called to this Bill with reference to the park, some doubt passed through my mind as to the advisability of expending such a large amount of money in that locality, and I felt that we in the Maritime Provinces would perhaps derive very little benefit from it—from either the curative properties of the springs or from the salubrious nature of its climate; but since I have looked further into the matter and given it more consideration, and have ascertained from different sources the character of the country which it is proposed to retain for this park I have changed my opinion with regard to it, and I am quite willing, so far as I am concerned, to give my consent to the Bill. I quite agree, however, with the hon. gentleman from Toronto in the remarks which he has made with regard to the importance of preserving such a territory as has been described. Such scenery ought not to be allowed to fall into the hands of private speculators but should be preserved for the public advantage. There is one thing, however, I would ask the leader of the Government, and that is whether there is any sketch or plan of the area which it is proposed to reserve, which will give one an idea of the locality, its extent and capabilities for the purpose suggested? It has also occurred to me that the leasing of any portion of the park for mining purposes would be incompatible with the use of that territory for the objects which the Bill contemplates. That perhaps should be explained in some way, because otherwise it appears to me that if the scenery is to be at all interfered with by mining operations, mining leases ought not to be allowed. It may be that those mining operations will interfere materially with the beauty of the scenery or with its being appropriate for general recreation and for the use of the springs as a sanitarium.

HON. MR. GOWAN—If the hon. gentleman will look at the first clause he will find that it provides that the lands are withdrawn from sale, settlement and

occupancy under the provisions of the Dominion Act or any regulations made under the provisions of the said act or any other act with respect to mining or timber licenses or any other matter whatsoever. Then there is a distinct provision enabling the Governor in Council to make regulations with regard to mining, by which they can preserve the park as a proper place for amusement and recreation without interfering with the aspect of the scenery. I entirely agree with what my hon. friend from Toronto has said with regard to the name—coupling it in some way with Canada. The Rocky Mountains extend so far away beyond Canada, that the location of the park is rendered indefinite. If either as a prefix or an addition it is called the Rocky Mountain Park of Canada, or Canada Rocky Mountains Park, or any other name by which it can be known as a Canadian park I shall be perfectly satisfied. The Leader of the House has referred to the advisability of preserving certain rights with regard to the Hudson Bay Company. I do not know whether the park is wholly within the North-West Territory or whether it is partly in British Columbia—if so, I would make a material difference.

HON. MR. MCINNES (B.C.)—I was not aware until to-night that it was claimed that this park or any portion of it was in the North-West Territory. I always took it for granted that it was entirely in the Province of British Columbia until I heard to the contrary this evening.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—No.

HON. MR. MCINNES (B.C.)—I know the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg paid a visit to the Pacific Coast last summer, and doubtless he has gained a large amount of information with respect to that country, but I doubt very much if the vast fund of knowledge the hon. gentleman doubtless acquired on that trip is such as to entitle him to be taken as an authority as to whether this park is not in British Columbia and not in the North-West Territory. The eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia has not yet been definitely

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE.