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*Ames, H. B.* (Montreal, St. Antoine)—Con.

Bay road is built by the Canadian Northern the selection of lands will come in that same belt as other railway lands are to be chosen from?—4679. Is there any legislation which constitutes a sort of mortgage on the remaining part south of the North Saskatchewan river?—4680. All obligations have then been fulfilled?—4681.

*Barr, John* (Dufferin)—4805.

The settler should be better protected than that, and it would be dangerous to place them in that position—4805.

Secrecy in connection with the public domain is a very dangerous power to place in the hands of any body of men—4869. If we had publicity in all these matters it would be better for all concerned—4870.

*Bennett, W. H.* (East Simcoe)—4788.

Would not the field notes of the surveyor show the amount of timber?—4788. The department would then simply instruct all surveyors from this out that they must report on the value of the timber—4792. I have seen the field notes of the different sections of land, and they seem to me pretty full—4793. Does Oliver interpret the word 'merchantable' to mean timber that can be cut into boards?—4809.

*Bole, D. W.* (Winnipeg)—4751.

With regard to the policy of giving the minister discretion—4751. Circumstances could only develop the necessity of the minister exercising his discretion—4752.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—4669.

It would be desirable that Oliver should give us a fairly full explanation before we take it up in committee—4669. These lands are now free from the claim of any railway company or other corporation—4676. Remarkable that after a Bill has been introduced Laurier should declare that he has really no opinion about the thing one way or the other—4732. We urged two years ago that these lands should be handed over to the ownership and administration of the people of those provinces—4733. One province or the other must in the end suffer from the fact that these lands are not left to the local administration—4734. The right of the settler should be made a statutory right and not be met at every turn by some discretion—4735. To all the dealings and transactions of the Department of the Interior should be given the fullest publicity—4726. Look how under the guise of public tender and competition these lands have been so extensively acquired—4737. There has been a great deal of suspicion and even scandal created because these methods have been so lax—4738. All these deals may be put through by Oliver in his private office—4739. A definition for a

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homestead in respect to future entries, but you have no definition of homestead in respect to entries in the past—4741. I do not think it provides for regulations made under any other Act than that in which it is embodied—4743. Not satisfied with the construction advanced by Oliver—4745. I do not think that provision would apply to any regulations made under another Act—4746. It is the minister who is to ascertain that the lands are so valuable that the entries should be withdrawn?—4787. Usual way is to provide that the proceedings upon an arbitration should be conducted in accordance with the law of a particular province—4788. Would be inclined to concur in the view Oliver had advanced—4806. Eliminate the value of the timber and then, apart from that, I would leave pretty generally the affairs to the arbitrators—4808. You declare that a man has no exclusive right in any water upon his land—4811. Of course no usage of administration would in any way control the direct provision of this statute?—4812. The matter has been under consideration?—4813. Will the minister have jurisdiction to decide whether or not the woman in the sole head of a family?—4814. I have noticed that there is certainly a great deal of machinery to cover the period between 17 and 18 years—4819. That enables any young man in the eastern provinces 17 years of age to get a homestead out there—4820. The language is much more comprehensive than that—4821. On what ground was it held that a woman who had grandchildren living with her was not the sole head of the family?—4823. It is intended that the occupation of the land shall include residence?—4826. He does not acquire any right by common law against the Crown—4827. I would suggest the words 'ordinary resident'—4829. The point is that this offers opportunity for speculation—4830. I would not suppose it would ever be done otherwise—4831. Mr. Crawford has made the strongest possible argument in favour of a public notice—4832. We are urging that there should be a formal notice so that men will not go there for the purpose of locating upon mere rumour—4833. You should embody in this statute a provision that public notice must be given—4834. It is an outrage not to have a statutory enactment providing that it must be done here—4835. I would agree with that—4836. I would be inclined to some relaxation for the sake of having the principle I am advocating carried out—4837. I would like to have subsection three held over—4838. The minister was inclined to think that the time had now probably come when some change might be made—4865. This is a very good place for making such an amendment—4866. The person in charge of the office should be ready at all times