

familiar with the Act and all its amendments to determine the lands which are included in forest reserves. In the schedule, which forms the principal part of this Act, each reserve has been described by section, township, and range. All previous withdrawals, or additions have not been taken into consideration, and provision has not been made for such alterations as are proposed in the present Bill.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The question in my mind is as to the expediency or propriety of including within our statutes an Act such as this, reaching 42 pages, with nothing but a description of land within its four corners. It seems to me this might be done by Order in Council or by some regulation of the Department. It is not like the laws of the Medes and Persians, unalterable, because it will be found that in almost every Session we shall have to amend it. It does not give any greater guarantee to the Crown to have this Act in the statutes than if the discretion were exercised by the Minister, because on the recommendation of the Minister or the Department we change this from time to time without making any inquiry into it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The Bill has for its object the withdrawing of certain lands from the Dominion Forest Reserves Act, and adding other lands thereto. It is quite a cumbersome document. I have a memorandum from the Forestry Branch. I am not familiar with the existence of these reserves, which are all in the western provinces—because I see here Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Then, each of the reserves is described. If any group of Senators coming from those provinces and interested in this matter want to form themselves into a Special Committee, I will hand them the whole memorandum, and they can work at it to their heart's content.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It will be shorter to do it in this way.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: If the honourable leader will, when he comes to each reserve, give a statement of the lands that are withdrawn or added, or both, I think that will be all that will be necessary.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think my honourable friend might constitute himself a Special Committee, and I will hand him the memorandum.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I might suggest to my honourable friend that he will find all the information in the Bill.

Section 1 was agreed to.

The schedule, the preamble, and the title were agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CURRY: Can the honourable leader tell us how many square miles are covered by this whole Bill? I just want to know the acreage that the Government own.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: While we are proceeding with another Bill my honourable friend might perhaps look through this memorandum, and he will find the answer.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: When he goes down to Bermuda he can figure that out.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

ANIMAL CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on Bill 115, an Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act.

Hon. Mr. McLennan in the Chair.

Sections 1 and 2, the preamble, and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS (INSURANCE) BILL

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on Bill 116, an Act respecting the Canadian National Railways.

Hon. Mr. Gordon in the Chair.

On section 1—agreements to restore or make good loss or damage by fire, etc.:

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I was asked for some information when this Bill was up for second reading, and I have received the following from the Deputy Minister of Railways:

The undersigned is advised that the decision of the Canadian National Railway Management to carry its own insurance will not mean any additions to the staff. On the contrary, it should be possible to effect reductions in consequence of the new arrangement.