

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. No, the same category as all other public property.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. How does the hon. minister intend to enforce the Act. Is he enforcing it to-day or leaving its enforcement to the Attorney Generals of the provinces?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. I cannot answer at the moment. If my hon. friend will allow the Bill to be introduced, I shall give him the information next week.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Could the Minister of Customs give us any definite information as to when we may expect the remaining portion, or any further portion of the Auditor General's Report? My hon. friend has been in opposition and knows what the conditions are on this side. He knows that after the report is brought down, it is necessary to make some examination and inquiries which take time, and if we do not get the report until February, we shall not be able to have an effective inquiry into it before the 1st of March.

Hon. WILLIAM PATERSON (Minister of Customs). I am sorry I cannot give any definite information. I think that question was brought up yesterday and replied to by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding). I do not know what his reply was, but no doubt its purport was that the work is being expedited as fast as possible. I expect him here shortly and he will be able perhaps to give more definite information.

WAYS AND MEANS—GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC LAND GRANT.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) moved that the House go into Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN (Carleton, Ont.) Before you leave the chair, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words with regard to a document brought down by my hon. friend the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) a week ago. I refer to an order in council of date April 2, 1906, upon the report dated March 28, 1906, from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. In referring to this order in council, my hon. friend said that my inability to find it in the 'Canada Gazette' or the volume of the statutes was due to the fact that it is not of the class usually published in either.

Hon. F. OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). I do not remember having said that it was not published in the statutes, but I said it was not of the class usually published in the 'Canada Gazette.'

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I do not know whether it was published in the statutes,

but I could not find it there. I was going to suggest that an order in council, dealing with the public domain, should be published somewhere, or at least brought down to parliament so that we might have an opportunity of knowing what dispositions are made of the public domain. This order in council, which may be found on page 1809 of the unrevised Hansard, is in effect as follows:—

The minister submits that the land applied for forms part of the lands reserved for the Metlakatla Indians and before the same can be disposed of to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company it will be necessary to obtain from the Indians a surrender in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Act, but before submitting the question of surrender to the Indians it is considered advisable to ask the British Columbia government to waive its claim to any reversionary interest it may have in the land under the agreement come to between the province of British Columbia and the Dominion in 1876, as regards the setting aside of reserves for the Indians in that province.

Then the order in council continues that the province will not be required to furnish any land for the Indians in lieu thereof, and concludes as follows:—

The minister therefore recommends that a copy of this minute be communicated through the Secretary of State to the government of British Columbia, with a view of obtaining at the earliest possible date the consent of that government to its waiving any reversionary interest the province may claim to have in the land of which it is proposed to obtain a surrender.

The object of obtaining a surrender of these lands and the consent of the government of British Columbia to waive any compensation in respect of its reversionary interest, was that the Grand Trunk Pacific might receive a grant of these lands for the purpose of its Pacific terminal. I do not in the least minimize the importance of terminals for the Grand Trunk Pacific, but I would observe that the Grand Trunk Pacific, although engaged in a great work, has already received from the government a very fair measure of assistance. It has received a guarantee of its bonds for the western section from Winnipeg to the coast to the extent of three-fourths of the cost. It has received a waiver of interest charges, amounting to between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000. It has further received a waiver of the rental upon the eastern division, to an amount ranging from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000. It has also received a free grant of the right of way and the right to pre-empt all the minerals under that right of way. The government has therefore acted towards this company with very great liberality. In addition \$50,000,000 of common stock were permitted to be issued without the investment of a single dollar of cash, and that \$50,000,000 will no doubt in fifteen or twenty years perhaps even less, be worth one hundred or even two hundred cents in the dol-