

lottery. That is the element that affects the consumer. And that is the element that is not touched, as I understand, by the legislation proposed. Of course, the legislation has been rather hastily introduced; and perhaps it may require amendment at a future date. But I think it only right on the occasion of the third reading to give my view as to the principle which should be adopted and the legislation which will eventually have to be enacted, if we are to deal with the real danger which is supposed to be met by the present Bill.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). The object of this legislation is to reach what is known as the trading stamp—that is, that a certain green stamp which has attained a rather unenviable notoriety in every city, town and village of the Dominion. I think this legislation will reach that stamp, and if it does it will fulfil that object which it is intended to fulfil.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. That particular stamp?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. That particular stamp. That is the object, and I think it will attain that object. It may be that there will develop other forms of duping the public. If so, other legislation may be needed at some future time.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time, and passed.

SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA—ROADS AND ROAD ALLOWANCES.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) moved the second reading of Bill (No. 195) respecting roads and road allowances in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. He said: This Bill is needed to carry forward in the new provinces the conditions that exist in the Territories at the present time in regard to the setting apart and control of roads and road allowances. The object is to place under control of the provincial government the roads now existing and the roads in use, not now legalized which may hereafter be legalized.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. If the minister will permit me, I would ask him to explain the law as it stands at present. Are these roads and road allowances still vested in the Crown, or is the title to them vested in some corporation? In other words, what is the condition of the title to the roads and road allowance and under whose supervision are they now?

Mr. OLIVER. As I understand it, by similar provisions to those contained in this Act, the Dominion government a number of years ago divested itself of the control of the roads, and placed that control in the hands of the Territorial government. The Territorial government exercises all jurisdiction over the roads and road allowances of

the provinces, that authority having been delegated by the Dominion.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is that statute repealed by this enactment? Is this enactment in substitution, so far as the new provinces are concerned, of the statute to which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) has just referred? Does it follow the provisions of that enactment, substantially or literally?

Mr. OLIVER. Substantially it does.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and House went into Committee thereon.

On section 2,

All road allowances in townships now or hereafter surveyed and subdivided, and all road allowances set out on block lines now or hereafter surveyed, in the Northwest Territories within the limits of the province of Saskatchewan or the province of Alberta, as those provinces are defined in the Saskatchewan Act and the Alberta Act respectively, the plans of survey of which have been duly approved, and the Dominion lands comprised in such road allowances, shall be vested in the Crown in the right of the province within which such road allowances are situate.

Mr. SPROULE. According to the principle of provincial rights, do not the municipal authorities control these roads in any event? Property and civil rights are given to the provinces, and they control all the highways under municipal laws. In our province, all roads are under the control of the provincial authorities, and under control of the municipal authorities through the power given to municipal corporations. Now would it not be the same in the Northwest as in Ontario?

Mr. OLIVER. I am not versed in the strictly legal aspect of the question, and I am not familiar with the conditions in Ontario; but I presume this legislation is based on the fact that the title to the land is in the Dominion, unless there was some specific transfer of that right, or title, or interest, or control. This is a matter of transfer of control rather than of title.

Mr. SPROULE. What would be the situation providing you were pushing a municipal road through belonging to the Dominion, what power would you have to tax those lands for the upkeep of that road? You vest all public highways in the province, but you do not vest lands in the province. Would the province absolutely control highways going through Dominion lands which were still vested in the federal parliament, and what power would the municipalities have to tax those lands for keeping up the roads?

Mr. OLIVER. There is a further provision in this Bill for the purpose of doing