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example, had signed an agreement and agreed to continue, it has to accept anyone who comes in from a province that has not signed and pay the benefits?

Mr. Martin: That is up to British Columbia. We cannot impose it on them.

Mr. Churchill: On clause 3, with regard to these agreements with the provinces, could the minister inform us if the provinces, other than Nova Scotia, including those that have already come to an agreement with the federal government and those that have not yet concluded such agreements, are willing to accept the terms of the draft agreement tabled here on January 11 without further alteration?

Mr. Martin: We do not know yet. There is no doubt in the case of Alberta except for the residence qualification. I have indicated the situation as far as Quebec is concerned; we do not know what their reaction is. I have no reasons for believing that if Ontario comes in it would want a variation of the agreement. We have had no correspondence with them.

Mr. Churchill: The words "an agreement with any province" in clause 3 mean that an agreement that may be signed with other provinces may be quite different from the one we have in front of us here, tabled on January 11?

Mr. Martin: No. My hon. friend will remember that the hon. member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre proposed that we make part of the agreement a schedule to the act and we agreed to do that; and one of my colleagues, at the appropriate moment, will move the amendment.

Mr. Churchill: I appreciate that, but I understood the minister to say that even at that there might be alterations made by the provinces in the future. Do I understand him now to say that when the agreement is made part of the schedule to the act it will remain unchanged and the form will have to be accepted by the other provinces?

Mr. Martin: That is right; it could not apply to one province and not to the others. I am going to ask my colleague the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to be good enough to move that clause 3 be amended by adding thereto the following subclause as subclause 3:

Any agreement entered into under this act shall be in the form of and subject to the conditions set out in schedule A to this act, except that an agreement with the province of Nova Scotia shall be in the form of and subject to the conditions set out in schedule B to this act.

[Mr. Winch.]

I may say to my hon. friend that we have considered that and we thank him for his observation, but we think the situation is clear.

The Chairman: Mr. Pickersgill moves:

That clause 3 be amended by adding thereto the following subclause as subclause 3:

Any agreement entered into under this act shall be in the form of and subject to the conditions set out in schedule A to this act, except that an agreement with the province of Nova Scotia shall be in the form of and subject to the conditions set out in schedule B of this act.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at eight o'clock.

The Chairman: On clause 3, shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Amendment agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall the clause as amended carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Mrs. Fairclough: Just a minute, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Diefenbaker: What is that? Is that the amendment?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Chairman, my hon. friend has suggested this amendment—it just came to my notice a moment ago—with reference to the question I had raised. "I move that any agreement—"

Mr. Martin: It has been moved.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes. I was trying to analyse it in order to see how it would cover the situation. Perhaps I might read it. It reads as follows:

Any agreement entered into under this act shall be in the form of and subject to the conditions set out in schedule A to this act, except that an agreement with the province of Nova Scotia shall be in the form of and subject to the conditions set out in schedule B to this act.

I think that covers in every particular the suggestion I made, and I thank the minister for accepting it. I think it covers the situation perfectly.

The Chairman: The amendment is carried. Shall the clause as amended carry?

Mr. Diefenbaker: I wonder whether the minister could give us some figures as to the number of persons in Saskatchewan, for