it would more properly come under clause 14, which deals with the disposition of the appeal by the board, but the difficulty in this regard is that clause 14 refers only to appeals under sections 11 and 12. It is my view that the amendment I have proposed should apply in addition to appeals under clause 17 by sponsors. It could be placed in a separate clause and I would be happy if the minister would give consideration to this.

With regard to what he said about hundreds of cases, and perhaps that the appellant may not wish reasons, this is precisely why it should be only at the request of the appellant or the minister. At some stage or another the minister may desire to have the reasons. It is only at the request of one of the parties that the board would be required to furnish reasons for its decision. The reasons of course could be delivered orally at the hearing or in writing after the hearing.

The minister says he does not know of any other cases where a court is compelled to give reasons. The hon. member for York South pointed out that although this is a court of record it is a statutory tribunal with the powers given to it by statute, no more and no less. If the minister does not think that clause 10 is the right place to have this provision, I would be glad to withdraw it, if it can be included in some other place.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Chairman, may I make a suggestion to the hon. member for Greenwood. I am in agreement with the amendment he has advanced. It seems to me that the appropriate place for his amendment would be in a new subclause (3) of clause 7, which has been allowed to stand. His amendment might be moved when we are considering that clause.

There is one other point I should like to mention to the hon. member for Greenwood. In the way in which he has drafted his amendment is it not possible that he is depriving the board of the right to give reasons on its own initiative? It seems to me that his draftsmanship may mean that the reasons can be given only when the appellant or the minister asks for them. I think this would be unfortunate.

I would suggest that if the hon, member proposes to move his amendment, it should read:

The board may, and at the request of the appellant or of the minister shall, give reasons for its disposition of an appeal.

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Mr. Brewin: I am very grateful to the hon. member for Carleton, and I think his suggestion is a good one. I am very glad to accept it. It was not my intention to say that the board might not give reasons whenever it saw fit to do so. I should be glad to have discussion as to where the amendment should appear. I do not care where it comes in, so long as the principle is established.

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Chairman, if the house would approve clause 10 as it stands amended, we could immediately revert to clause 7, and I would be ready to accept this amendment to create a new subclause 7 (2) (d).

Mr. Bell (Carleton): I think it would be better to have a separate subclause (3). I do not believe it could be subclause (2) (d).

The Chairman: Order. If I read the amendment of the hon. member for Greenwood correctly, it is a second amendment. That being so, the only amendment before the committee at the moment is the amendment proposed by the Minister of Industry. Perhaps it might be proper at this time to deal with his amendment and then deal with the proposed amendment of the hon. member for Greenwood later. I might point out to members of the committee that I am not sure we are following the proper procedure here. It might be the better procedure to put the further amendment to clause 10 in the original bill, as being part of the bill, and then institute the new clause proposed by the minister. There appears, however, to be some general acceptance of this particular amendment and perhaps we might proceed as has been suggested.

Is the amendment to clause 10 moved by the Minister of Industry agreed to?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment (Mr. Drury) agreed to. Clause 10 as amended agreed to.

• (4:00 p.m.)

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Chairman, may we revert to clause 7, which was allowed to stand?

The Chairmon: Does the committee agree to revert to clause 7?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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Mr. Marchand: Mr. Chairman, it is proposed by the Minister of Agriculture that clause