

this ought to be presumptive evidence that they have abandoned Canadian domicile, and such is in fact the law of the United States.

Has that been considered?

Mr. MARTIN: Yes.

Mr. GREEN: What are the reasons for not following it?

Mr. MARTIN: After canvassing the whole situation we thought six years was the proper time.

Mr. HACKETT: Must these six years be consecutive?

Mr. MARTIN: Yes.

Mr. HACKETT: They are not cumulative?

Mr. MARTIN: No, they are consecutive.

Mr. HACKETT: Why, then, is that word not inserted? As it stands, it does not say so. As the section now reads, if the man were out of the country two years ten years ago—

Mr. MARTIN: I have no objection to saying six consecutive years.

Mr. HACKETT: I so move.

Mr. FULTON: Will the Secretary of State explain what is contemplated in section 20, paragraph (e)? I do not understand the purpose.

Mr. MARTIN: We are not excluding a person if the wife goes and lives with her husband who is engaged in one of the privileged occupations, outside the country, enumerated from (a) to (f).

Mr. FULTON: This contemplates the husband inasmuch as it says "he".

Mr. MARTIN: "He" under the interpretation act means he or she.

Mr. FULTON: Does it contemplate the case of a man married to a C.W.A.C.?

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): There is an amendment by the hon. member for Stanstead (Mr. Hackett) that the word "consecutive" be added in line 12 after the word six. It would then read "at least six consecutive years".

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 21—By revocation of Canadian citizenship.

Mr. MARTIN: I told the house that I intended to ask my colleague the Minister of Veterans Affairs to move that subsection 1 (c) be deleted and (d) and (e) be relettered (c) and (d).

Mr. MACKENZIE: I so move.

Mr. REID: I wish to direct the attention of the committee to this point. There appears later on in the bill a provision that a Canadian subject naturalized has equal status with a natural-born citizen. Some time ago we were speaking about natural-born persons and the Japanese race was mentioned. My objection is that a naturalized citizen will lose his citizenship by the commission of certain acts, whereas the natural-born citizen will not, and I am propounding this question to the minister: How can we give like status to the naturalized citizen if we make a differentiation not only in section 21 but in other sections?

Mr. MARTIN: The only answer is the sound principle that one is natural-born and has no country to go to while the other is a national of Canada who has had another national status to which he has apparently a greater national affinity. We can deal with his case more effectively than with that of the natural-born person.

Mr. REID: That answer is not satisfactory; at any rate it is not satisfactory to me, because the bill then is not sound. Later on, it says that the two of them have like status, but they have not and the country should be informed that they have not. We have been talking for weeks about citizenship, about everyone throwing racial pride to the winds, and all meeting on an equal plane, and now we are saying that if certain persons like myself do certain acts they lose their citizenship, whereas if the son of such a person, born in this country, does the same thing the case is different. There is no like status there and I call the attention of the committee to the fact. I suggest that this section should be held over for consideration.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Stand.

Mr. MARTIN: I will agree to let section 16 and 17 stand because of the principle involved, but I do not think there is any necessity to have this one stand, with great respect to my hon. friend. He will find no country in the world where the suggestion he is now making is followed, except in the two I have mentioned.

Mr. REID: Then section 27 is not true. There is no like status as between the two classes.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): There is an amendment moved by Mr. Mackenzie that paragraph (c) of section 21 be deleted and the subsequent paragraphs be relettered accordingly.