

explanatory character, and the section would be complete without them. However, I think no harm will be done by leaving the words there, as they give an indication of the character and purpose of the work to be carried on.

Mr. BUREAU: I suppose it is the intention of the Government to pass paragraph (c) of this section, notwithstanding the protests that were made the other day and the reasons that were adduced to show that this was an encroachment upon provincial rights?

Section 2 agreed to.

On section 3—not to apply to any province which has not approved of Act:

Mr. CALDER: The purpose of this section will be served if we strike out the words "approved its provisions and," so that the section will read:

This Act shall not apply to any province until the Government thereof has by order in council signified its desire to take advantage thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 4—amounts payable:

Mr. J. H. SINCLAIR: In subsection 2, what "census" is referred to?—the federal census that is taken every ten years? Or would that include also the interim census taken from time to time in the western provinces?

Mr. CALDER: It is the last federal census taken in any province. A quinquennial census is taken in the three Prairie Provinces, of which that part of the country would get the advantage under this Act.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Why is the census taken more frequently in the Western Provinces?

Mr. CALDER: The per capita grants payable to those provinces are based upon population, and as the population was growing very rapidly it was thought that it would not be fair to base the per capita grants upon a census taken every ten years. I understand that a similar provision with regard to the census is in the Highways measure and in the Agricultural Instruction Act.

Mr. BUREAU: May I suggest that the word "decennial" be inserted between the words "last" and "federal" in line 24 of page 2. I understand that the reason [Mr. Calder.]

given for the quinquennial census is on account of the amount paid to the provinces per capita. Now the western provinces are increasing in population much faster than the eastern provinces, and it would not be right to apportion this money to the western provinces every five years and to the eastern provinces only once in ten years, for this reason: The western provinces are essentially agricultural, while the eastern provinces are essentially industrial, and it is in connection with industry that technical education is mainly required. It was admitted by practically every one who spoke on the Budget, and I think the House will agree, that it is in the eastern provinces that the greatest industrial development is taking place. Therefore, the development of technical education in the East will require more money than in the West. I think it would only be fair, therefore, that this grant should be apportioned on the basis of the last decennial census, which was taken in 1910, until a new census is taken throughout the Dominion.

Mr. CALDER: I admit at once that there is a great deal in the contention of my hon. friend. The older provinces, which are more highly industrialized than the western provinces, are, I think, entitled to an advantage in this respect, and if it is the wish of the Committee that the word "decennial" be inserted, I am quite agreeable to the change being made. On looking up the Agricultural Instruction Act I find that the expression used there is the "last decennial census" and not the "last federal census."

Mr. BUREAU: I would therefore move that the word "decennial" be inserted between the words "last" and "federal" in line 24 of page 2.

Mr. MAHARG: What is the idea of making that change?

Mr. BUREAU: In the West the census is taken every five years. Therefore, the basis of apportionment of the money will be changed every five years for the West, while only every ten years for the East. The change I have suggested will make the basis uniform. If this was a grant to agriculture I would say that we should do just the reverse, but as it is a grant to technical education, which is concerned with industrial education more than anything else. I think the East ought to stand on a par with the West.

Amendment agreed to.