

(Mr. Mackenzie). It may not suit the government's purpose to include it in the preamble but as it originated the idea some mention should be made of that fact somewhere in the records of the house.

Mr. BENNETT: It is all on the records now.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill reported.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the senate to Bill No. 8, to establish an employment and social insurance commission, to provide for a national employment service, for insurance against unemployment, for aid to unemployed persons, and for other forms of social insurance and security, and for purposes related thereto.

He said: In the votes and proceedings of May 31 there was a statement in detail of the amendments. Those who have Bill No. 8 before them will observe that the amendments in section 2 are to fix the period of twenty-four hours under the definition of "day"; to add the words "of the commission," and also to state in writing the words "twenty" and "twenty-four" rather than to leave them in the form of figures. In the remaining part of section 2 the same course has been adopted by the Senate. There is nothing material there. In section 4, subsection 6, there were added the words, "and with the approval of the governor in council, real property." It was provided in the original bill that the commission might acquire real and personal property but it is provided now that they may not acquire real property except with the approval of the governor in council. In section 5, subsection 3, there were added at the end the words "during such absence or incapacity." That is with respect to the appointment by the governor in council of a temporary commissioner who should hold office only during the absence or incapacity of any commissioner. With respect to section 6 there was added a provision regarding residence within the city of Ottawa or within ten miles thereof—that is as to the commission. Section 8 is amended by adding after the word "may" in the first line "subject to the approval of the governor in council." In section 12, in the third line, after the word "and," there are added the words "to the extent the commission considers necessary." In subsection 2 of section 12 the words "render any person

liable" in line 42 are struck out. In line 44 the words "three months" are changed to the words "one month," and in line 43, after the word "conviction," the words "render liable any person in default" are inserted. That phraseology was adopted in the act as a whole.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The penalty is reduced from three months to one month.

Mr. BENNETT: Yes. In section 16 the whole of clause (a), subsection 1 has been struck out, and (b) becomes (a) and (c) becomes (b). The bill by section 16 provided for exemption:

Where any employed person proves that he is either:—

(a) in receipt of any pension or income of the annual value of \$365 or upwards, which does not depend on his personal exertions; or—

That is struck out. At the end of section 17, subsection 1, dealing with contributions, there are added after the word "provided" the words "or otherwise as may be prescribed by the commission." That is to give the commission power to deal with contributions by "employers of those persons, which contributions shall be paid by means of revenue stamps as hereinafter provided or otherwise as may be prescribed by the commission."

In section 18, line 41, after the word "stamps" are inserted the words "and the devices for impressing the same." That is merely an amplification of the section. In section 19, lines 19 and 20, after the words "provisions of this act," there are inserted the words "including part II of the third schedule thereof."

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): What is the effect of that?

Mr. BENNETT: Section 19 will now read:

Every person who being insured under this act is unemployed and in whose case the conditions laid down by this act (in this act referred to as "statutory conditions") are fulfilled, shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of this act (including part II of the third schedule thereof).

Then in line 22, just at the end of the line after the word "under" are inserted the words "part I of." The clause reads: "under the third schedule," and the senate have made it read "under part I of the third schedule."

In section 20, line 32, the word "unemployed" is struck out and after the word "days" are inserted the words "of unemployment" so that the section would read: "exclusive of any days of unemployment." That is better than the mere use of the word "unemployed." I think that is an improvement. Again in section 20, subsection 5 of the printed bill, that is the one referring to period of disqualification