

the thing we have to call juvenile delinquency is not tied up with the manner in which the penitentiaries are administered.

The hon. member also asked about segregation. That is one of the most urgent of the problems which will have to be dealt with. The matter of keeping apart first offenders and hardened criminals who are teachers in the criminal profession is of great urgency and one of the things which, in the penitentiaries, is our responsibility entirely. I believe the occasions for contacts between first offenders and other criminals are much more numerous in the prisons than they are in the penitentiaries. But whatever be the arrangements made or discussed with the provincial authorities, I think the federal government, because of its control of penitentiaries, has a responsibility, just as soon as it can discharge it, of doing more than has been done in the past to prevent contacts between—I will not call them boys—younger offenders and hardened criminals.

Section agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Before we go on to the next clause, may I remind the committee that, according to the rules, speeches in committee of the whole house must be strictly relevant to the item or clause under discussion. I understand that no one objects to a general discussion under the first clause, but I assume that under the clauses which follow, the discussion will be relevant to the clause.

Sections 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

On section 6—Coming into force.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): I observe that section 84 of the act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

This act or any part thereof shall come into force... by proclamation.

I would ask the minister if this is not quite a new procedure?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): No.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): I cannot conceive of any part of an act coming into force unless the act comes into force. That is a change from the old act. The old act came in *holus-bolus*.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: It may be new in that form. What I asked the law officers to do was to provide that I could have sections 4 and 4A in force without having the whole act in force. Sections 4 and 4A deal with having one man do this preliminary work which I feel has to be done, and I suggested that they provide for sections 4 and 4A coming into force

at once and the rest of the act coming into force on proclamation; but they felt that it would be better to do it in this way.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): I have some doubt about the effectiveness of giving somebody power to bring in a portion of an act without specifying what that portion is. However, I merely raised the point; I am glad the minister had considered it.

Mr. MACDONNELL: I wish to make one observation with regard to section 6, which has to do with the sections that are to be expressly brought into effect. I think several of us who spoke on this last night had the feeling, from reading section 4, by reading note 2, and also from what the minister said in his opening remarks, that there was perhaps not so much a feeling of urgency about this as we should have liked. I confess that when I first read section 2, which requires the commissioner "to consider," "to make inquiry," and "to report," it seemed that we were again faced with another period of inquiry which would put off action, perhaps indefinitely. The remarks which the minister has made to-day seem to have removed that fear. He spoke about definitely implementing the Archambault report; and the only thing I should like to do is to remind him that, through no fault of his own, he has about thirty years' arrears to make up. I earnestly hope that the period of inquiry will be extremely short, and earnestly suggest to him that there must be certain proposals in the Archambault report which so clearly need to be put into effect, and are so generally accepted, that they might be proceeded with after little or no further investigation, inquiry or consideration.

Section agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

CITY OF OTTAWA AGREEMENT

AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF \$300,000 FOR
FIVE YEARS ENDING JULY 1, 1949

Hon. ALPHONSE FOURNIER (Minister of Public Works) moved the second reading of bill No. 161, to authorize a certain agreement between His Majesty the King and the Corporation of the City of Ottawa.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Golding in the chair.

Sections 1 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.