

Mr. MARSHALL: I may not have heard what the minister said, and it will not do any harm if he repeats. We cannot hear very well in this section of the chamber. At times I find it rather difficult to hear some of the ministers. As I say, I hope the minister will tell us where the money to finance this scheme is to come from and give us an assurance that it will not mean an increase in taxation and prices.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2 and 3 agreed to.

On section 4—Commission.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Why is there a distinction between the term of office of the chief commissioner and that of the other commissioners?

Mr. McLARTY: The chief commissioner is to be appointed for a period of ten years and each of the other commissioners is to be appointed for five years. When the bill was drafted it was thought that, since the other commissioners are to be appointed after nomination by industry and labour, ten years might be a little too long. In that time they might lose their representative capacity. I would point out, however, that they are eligible for reappointment.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The statement that the other commissioners are to be appointed by the workers and the employers is not literally true; they are to be appointed by the government after consultation. The government may or may not accept the representations of labour. For instance, the representative nominated by labour might be a strong Conservative worker. Will the minister say that such a man would be appointed?

Mr. McLARTY: I do not think a hypothetical question like that should be answered. If labour nominated a certain man as being the best to represent them and he was a Conservative, I do not think we would necessarily hold that handicap against him.

Mr. STIRLING: How does the government propose to ascertain the opinion of either the employers or labour?

Mr. McLARTY: That has not been determined.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Would the minister listen to representations by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which has been referred to in such vigorous language by one of his supporters? They represent most of the industrialists of Canada. Then there is the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

which is supposed to represent all the industrialists of Canada, but the fact is that it is a somewhat smaller body.

Mr. McLARTY: I do not anticipate as much trouble in the appointment of the representative of the employers as I do in the appointment of the representative of labour. The system will have to be worked out, and I cannot be any more definite than I have been.

Mr. STIRLING: How many recognized organizations of labour are there in this country from whom the minister would expect to receive representations?

Mr. McLARTY: Roughly speaking, I would say four or five.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Would the minister name them?

Mr. McLARTY: I would prefer not to do that until we get the plan worked out. I can assure my hon. friend that we shall do it in the fairest possible way, but until we work out the plan I would hesitate to say whom we shall consult. I have not given the matter sufficient consideration.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Would the minister consult the congress of industrial organizations?

Mr. McLARTY: I would not want to say just whom I shall consult until the whole plan is worked out.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The witness refuses to answer.

Mr. MacINNIS: Why should not the congress of industrial organizations be consulted? It is a legal organization which represents a considerable number of Canadian workers. It does not represent the organization to which I belong, nevertheless I think it perfectly reasonable that it should be consulted. Its representative appeared before the committee, and as far as consultation is concerned it should be considered as being on all fours with any other organization.

Section agreed to.

Sections 5 to 8 agreed to.

On section 9—Salaries of commissioners.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): What is the intention of the government with respect to these salaries? I am not asking this question in any facetious way.

Mr. McLARTY: I shall be quite frank and say that the government has not considered the question of what salaries will be paid to these commissioners, nor has it considered who the commissioners will be.