

Mr. HAZEN: No, you do not.

Mr. CHEVRIER: It is in the Railway Act as it is there.

Mr. HOWE: The board must issue the subpoena, but any member of the board may make the examination.

Mr. MacNICOL: The minutes of the board will read that it has been considered and that on their order such and such has been done.

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. COCKERAM: The minister stated just now that the primary purpose of this clause was to cover accidents and the like. My opinion is that it should be specifically outlined what kinds of books, documents and evidence are to be covered by this section. I should like the minister, if he would, to enlarge on that.

Mr. HOWE: There is a consequential amendment of line 38. The words "or such member" in that line should be deleted. I will ask my colleague the Minister of Agriculture so to move.

Mr. GARDINER: I so move.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gardiner moves:

That the words "or such member" in section 3, clause 7B (1), line 38, be deleted.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. HOWE: Answering the question of my hon. friend (Mr. Cockeram): the board should be in a position to demand any paper or any document which is required by its subpoena, just as the board of transport commissioners have that power, and for the same reason.

Mr. COCKERAM: This section, then, covers more than investigations into accidents and such affairs? This covers everything—rates, and what have you?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. COCKERAM: The general competition and operation of the aeronautical business?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the clause as amended carry?

Mr. STIRLING: It seems to me that it implies an enormously wide meaning unless this section is related to inquiries into crashes.

Mr. HOWE: They may inquire into other things. They can inquire into rates, or—

Mr. STIRLING: "Other things!" To make an almost ridiculous case of it: a passenger

who travels for a certain firm is a casualty. Under this wording, all the books, documents and papers of that firm can be ordered by this board.

Mr. HOWE: My hon. friend would hardly think the board would order that.

Mr. STIRLING: Maybe not, but there is the power.

Mr. HOWE: Pertinent documents to the inquiry or any inquiry of the air transport board should be procurable.

Mr. MacNICOL: They would likely order what was necessary to establish their responsibility and as to what costs, if any, they have to pay to the injured person or company.

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. MacNICOL: In that case, I assume, they should be able to obtain the documents they require. I should not think they would ask for all the books.

Mr. STIRLING: That is perfectly true, but this says so.

Mr. HAZEN: Does section 7B(1) refer back to section 7A(1), which states:

The board shall have full jurisdiction to inquire into, hear and determine any application by or on behalf of any interested party—

Complaining, or requesting certain things. Then you go on to section 7B(1), which says that the board may order that witnesses be called and examined. Is 7B(1) restricted in its operation to the jurisdiction given the board under 7A(1) to inquire into complaints and requests?

Mr. HOWE: No; section 7B(1) refers to the whole scope of the board's activities.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the clause as amended carry? Carried. Clause 4, regulations.

Mr. HAZEN: We have been discussing, as I understand it, clause 7B, subclause 1.

The CHAIRMAN: I understood we were discussing the whole of clause 3, and 7B(1) is part of clause 3. Now 7B(1) was amended and carried, and then I asked if section 3 as amended was carried, and I understood that the committee carried the whole clause.

Mr. HAZEN: We seem to have got on to 7B(1) and discussed it before we gave any consideration to 7A(1) of section 3. In connection with 7A there is one matter I should like to bring to the attention of the