

*Canadian World Exhibition Corporation*

The house in committee on Bill No. C-103, to establish the Canadian World Exhibition Corporation—Mr. Churchill (for the Prime Minister)—Mr. Paul in the chair.

On clause 1—*Short title.*

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall clause 1 carry?

**Mr. Chevrier:** I do not want to delay passage of the bill, but the minister should give some explanation as to why there was a change in the original bill as compared with this one. I think there are one or two changes and perhaps the minister might be good enough to explain what they are.

**Mr. Sevigny:** I will do so with great pleasure. Actually, the first bill just referred to an exhibition which was to be held on the island of Montreal, and we felt it would be preferable to mention that this exhibition was to be held in connection with the celebration of the centennial of confederation in a manner in keeping with the national and historical significance of this great event. Consequently we decided that since this was to be a national event it should be clearly mentioned in the bill that such was the case. Consequently clauses 1 and 3 were changed and also a reference to this change is made in clause 9, which I will refer to in a moment.

**Mr. Rock:** I would like to ask the minister what qualifications the commissioner general should have?

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order. I think the hon. member should wait a few minutes until we come to clause 3 when he can ask that question.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Clause 1 has to do with the corporation, and says the act is to be cited as the Canadian World Exhibition Corporation Act. In his earlier remarks the minister announced that there would be a number of directors, the commissioner general being one, and so I think the hon. member is in order in asking what his qualifications will be.

**Mr. Sevigny:** In answer to that, we are presently dealing with clause 1 and if we could dispose of it we can debate clause 2 where this question of the commissioner general is mentioned. I mention this for the sake of good order in debate, and at that stage I will give the necessary explanations required by the hon. member for Jacques Cartier-Lasalle.

(*Translation*):

**Mr. Lachance:** Mr. Chairman, I have a problem to put to the minister concerning section 1 of this bill and more particularly about the title.

[Mr. Barnett.]

The minister undoubtedly knows that a corporation is already set up under the name of Montreal international trade fair. Was it seen fit to do something about this, because there could be some misunderstanding since that corporation is called the Montreal international trade fair?

**Mr. Sevigny:** Mr. Chairman, I think a distinction should be made between the terms fair and exhibition.

The word fair applies to shows like the one existing at present in Montreal and that is called an international fair.

But the word exhibition applies more particularly to a show like the one to be held in Canada in 1967 and which is much larger.

In fact, it is precisely because we wished to avoid confusion between the various fairs held across the country that we selected a quite distinct name, that of the Canadian World Exhibition Corporation. I think that name explains quite well the important event which will take place in Canada in 1967.

(*Text*):

Clause agreed to.

On clause 2—*Definitions.*

**Mr. Rock:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to have answered the question I previously asked.

**Mr. Sevigny:** The commissioner general will be a man who will have immense powers in the corporation. He shall be responsible for his actions not only towards his directors in his own corporation, not only towards the people who will work within the framework of the corporation, but will also have to answer concerning the actions of the corporation to the minister of the federal government who will be responsible for the corporation, to the minister of the provincial government who will also be connected with it, and to the mayor of Montreal.

He must be a man who has all the abilities to administer a project of such magnitude, and a man who can actually deal with foreign powers and foreign corporations so as to attract them to come to Canada to take part in this project.

(*Translation*):

**Mr. Loiselle:** Mr. Chairman, could the minister tell us whether, as a result of his talks with the tripartite committee, including representatives from the city of Montreal, from the federal government and from the provincial government, a final decision has been taken concerning the site of the fair?