

appointed for such purpose, employ and authorize a suitable female person to act in any particular case or cases,

(4) Every officer required to take any person before a police magistrate, justice of the peace, Collector of Customs or chief officer under this section, shall do so with all reasonable despatch."

44. Page 24, lines 10 and 11: Leave out "at any time before such person is adjudged a bankrupt under section fifty-two of this Act,"

45. Page 24, lines 13 and 14: Leave out "upon being satisfied that no reasonable grounds exist for the making of the prohibition,"

46. Page 25, lines 16 to 34, both inclusive: Leave out clause 52.

47. Page 26, line 20: For "reason to suspect" substitute "reasonable and probable grounds for believing".

48. Page 27, line 23: After "who" insert "knowingly and wilfully".

49. Page 27, line 44: Leave out "in proof of the offence".

50. Page 28, line 1: Leave out "in proof of the offence".

51. Page 28, line 14: Leave out "in proof of the offence".

52. Page 28, after line 31: Insert the following as new clause A:—

"No prosecution for an offence under this Act shall be commenced after the expiration of three years from the time of its commission."

53. Page 28, line 36: Leave out "such".

54. Page 28, line 42: Leave out "such".

55. Page 28, line 43: Leave out "such".

56. Page 28, line 49: After "both" leave out "such", and after "and" leave out "such".

57. Page 29, line 13: After "detained" insert "by any Inspector or Officer".

58. Page 29, line 25: After "under" insert "subsection one of".

59. Page 30, line 15: For "thirty" substitute "ninety".

60. Page 30, line 20: For "thirty" substitute "ninety".

61. Page 31, line 21: After "under" insert "subsection one of".

62. Page 32, lines 1 and 2: Leave out "and the estimated costs of proceedings for forfeiture of the property".

63. Page 32, line 33: For "conclusive" substitute "prima facie".

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65. Page 34, line 20: After the first "the" insert "Governor in Council or the".

66. Page 34, lines 29 and 30: For clause 74 substitute the following:—

"74. (1) This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, or such earlier date as may be fixed by proclamation and shall continue in force and have effect until sixty days after the commencement of the first session of Parliament commencing in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

(2) Section nineteen of the Interpretation Act shall apply upon the expiry of this Act as if this Act had then been repealed."

67. Renumber clauses and change references thereto in accordance with amendments.

Hon. Mr. DUPUIS: Honourable senators, I am reluctant to allow this opportunity to pass without making a further remark. No member of the legal profession who is honestly discharging his responsibilities would pass judgment on or give an opinion with respect to such an important document as this report after merely hearing it read, and without having more time to study it thoroughly.

As a senator who knows his colleagues well, I realize that the members of the committee have studied this measure thoroughly, and as long-experienced members of a democratic assembly must have taken the precaution to protect the liberties of the people and the good government of this country. If I allow this legislation to pass without objection, it is not because I have a thorough knowledge of all the amendments—some of which are very long and important—but because I have confidence in the members of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. A. K. HUGESSEN: Honourable senators, I think the only useful function I can perform at the moment is to underline, for the benefit of the house, the more important amendments made to the bill by the Banking and Commerce Committee. Before I do that, however, I should say that the committee considered this bill at great length: sessions were held, morning, afternoon and evening for three days, during practically the whole of which time the committee had the benefit of the assistance of the Acting Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Bank of Canada. In my slight experience of committee work of the Senate, extending over the last ten years, I have never known a bill to receive more careful scrutiny than this one.

The most important amendment suggested by your committee would impose a time limit upon the operation of the bill. The bill contained so many clauses which might interfere with the ordinary liberties of the subject that it was thought advisable to make it effective for only a comparatively short period of time, until parliament could again consider it and decide whether or not it should be re-enacted. We therefore proposed to limit the time of operation of the legislation to a date sixty days after the first session of parliament in the year 1949; so under no circumstances will the measure be in operation for more than three years from the present time. It will have to come back to parliament to be re-enacted to whatever extent parliament in its wisdom may then consider necessary.