

say this by way of criticism of the minister; I make the statement simply from past experience and from the known difficulty that attaches to this matter. I think that very great care should be exercised in the choice of the person or persons appointed and in the making of the regulations which will surround their activities on the other side.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): My hon. friend is speaking of the officer who will be in China?

Mr. STEVENS: Yes. I can furnish the minister with evidence which is in the possession of the department to show that persons in Canton were in touch with people in this country for the purpose of advising and indeed of helping Chinese to evade the head tax, and this by deliberate design. This happened, too, a year or two ago. So I merely refer this to the minister in order that he may be fully seized of the significance of the move.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: How many appointments does the minister contemplate making? I suppose he is going to confine this to very, very narrow limits in China.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): There will be only one official in China. I want to strike out subclause (e) dealing with the fixing of remuneration. I want to make this conform to the Civil Service Act.

Mr. McBRIDE: Mr. Chairman, from what took place in this House last session I understood orientals were to be excluded. Why, then, are we arranging to send people over to China to encourage Chinese immigration into this country?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): If my hon. friend will look at section 5 he will observe that the class of Chinese to be allowed entry into Canada is very much restricted. There was no promise made last session that there would be total exclusion of orientals.

Mr. McBRIDE: Yes, I see that you are allowing Chinese merchants to come in all right, but from the tone of the debate on the immigration policy of the government which took place recently in this House I understood that we did not want immigrants to throng our cities. Then why let Chinese merchants come in to run our business? In the West we have quite sufficient of them at the present time in our cities.

The CHAIRMAN: I would suggest that section 5, entry and landing, will afford hon. members wide scope for debate on the whole question.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I want to amend subsection (b) by inserting after the word "appoint" the words:

—and fix the salary and remuneration of

Mr. STEVENS: I think the minister must have misunderstood my question. I asked him a moment ago if under subsection (b) these officers would be appointed by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): My understanding was, Mr. Chairman, that without special reference at all these appointments would automatically come under the Civil Service Commission. I find that is not the case. Therefore we have to make these changes. The only officer who will come under their control is the chief controller. I have had the section carefully reviewed by Mr. Edwards of the Justice department with that object in view.

Mr. STEVENS: Would the chairman kindly read subclause (b)?

The CHAIRMAN: Subclause (b) as proposed to be amended is as follows:

Appoint and fix the salary and remuneration of officers in countries other than Canada for the purpose of endorsing passports or performing other duties under this act.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I am afraid Mr. Edwards has gone wrong there. I would ask that the clause be allowed to stand.

The CHAIRMAN: Section 3 stands.

On section 5—Entry and landing—Immigration confined to certain classes, etc.

Mr. BAXTER: Going back to clause (e) of the interpretation section, I find that a Chinese immigrant is defined as meaning "any person of Chinese origin or descent entering Canada for the purpose of acquiring Canadian domicile." Then follows "a person shall not be deemed to be of Chinese origin or descent merely because his mother or his female ancestors or any of them were of Chinese origin or descent." That is 5 p.m. Chinese origin or descent." That has a bearing of course on section 5 as to persons of Chinese origin or descent. I ask the minister whether it is wise to continue—I suppose it is from an old act—that definition. After all, we do not want any more Chinese here than we can help. Well, do we want half any more than we want full-blooded Chinese?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Is it not generally understood that nationality descends on the father's side?