

agency if the price set was an unfair one. Before we go farther with this measure I should like the government to tell us what the new price will be, or I should like to wait until 1950 and see what the new price will be. Then we would be in a better position to go along the lines contained in this measure.

Mr. BURTON: I regret to take up the time of the house, but I feel I would not be doing my duty to a large number of producers I represent were I not to voice a word of protest at this time. While I can hardly agree that the other amendments have little significance, the new clause 19A should not be passed too lightly. As has been mentioned, the wheat board act will have to be considered before the end of the crop year 1950 and I contend, Mr. Speaker, that the insertion of this amendment in the bill now is anticipating conditions as they may be at that time. I suggest that it would be much better to allow the bill to stand as it originally passed through the house and to permit parliament at that time to deal with the matter in accordance with conditions as they will be at that time. While I do not want unduly to oppose the bill, I do wish to protest against anticipating what conditions will be in 1950.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

EMERGENCY POWERS—DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY, ETC.

Hon. COLIN GIBSON (Secretary of State) moved that the house go into committee on Bill No. 22, respecting trading with the enemy (1943), as amended.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City) in the chair.

Section 1 agreed to.

On section 2—Revised regulations respecting trading with the enemy continued.

Mr. FLEMING: I should like to say a brief word concerning what I consider to be the commendable face-lifting job done on this bill by the public accounts committee.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Hear, hear.

Mr. FLEMING: Section 2 of the original bill was linked with the original section 3. They would have permitted the governor in council to amend the regulations which become part and parcel of the act by reason of being in the schedule. That feature of the

bill was struck out in its entirety in the committee. I think the committee is to be commended in that respect, in that they have preserved to parliament the exclusive right to legislate, instead of handing over to the governor in council what is, in essence and in fact, a power to legislate.

A number of amendments have been made to the regulations themselves and they are now incorporated in section 2 of the bill.

One other matter is deserving of mention. The original bill did not contain any provision for the submission of an annual report to parliament. I do not need to reopen the discussion of a few weeks ago concerning the failure of the governor in council to render to parliament any report on the administration of the custodian of enemy property, whether it was the administration of property of enemy nationals or nationals of countries overrun by the enemy; whether it was administration of property of persons of the Japanese race in Canada or administration of property of organizations that were declared to be illegal during the war. Under amendments made by the public accounts committee, the custodian of enemy property must now submit to parliament annually a report of his administration, within three months after the close of the calendar year, and the report must be laid on the table of parliament within fifteen days of the commencement of parliament, or if parliament is in session it must be laid on the table of parliament forthwith. It is fair to say that the public accounts committee has done a commendable piece of face-lifting on this bill.

Mr. GOLDING: Before the section passes, may I say that the hon. member for Eglinton has given a good deal of credit to the public accounts committee for the work it did on this bill, but I should like to congratulate the hon. member on the splendid service he rendered to the committee because he gave this bill a great deal of consideration and was very helpful in that regard.

Section agreed to.

Sections 3 and 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MACKENZIE: This is the last measure under the emergency legislation with which the house has to deal. I should like to take this opportunity to thank hon. members of all parties for their fine spirit of cooperation in getting through the house a difficult series