

On section 92—Regulations.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Is this our own, or is this taken from the British act? These provisions are pretty wide. I object to paragraph (i) on page 30, of the bill, "generally for carrying this act into effect." That is too wide. You cannot apply the *ejusdem generis* rule there because it is intended to be an omnibus clause in addition. It would be all right if it were limited to regulations of similar nature to those preceding it. But a general omnibus clause like this is not good legislation.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): It is the same wording as the act of 1935.

Section agreed to.

Sections 93 to 98 agreed to.

On section 99—Reciprocal arrangements.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): There is an amendment:

The governor in council may notwithstanding anything herein contained enter into agreements with the government of another country to establish reciprocal arrangements on questions relating to unemployment insurance.

It was amended at the suggestion of the law officers by putting in the words "notwithstanding anything herein contained."

Mr. MacNICOL: This is a really good section, if I understand it rightly. I found in investigating the question of migration that workmen who have established a claim to unemployment insurance in the old country pooh-pooh the idea of coming to Canada because all they had paid into the unemployment insurance fund in the old land would be lost if they came here to live. Do I understand this section rightly when I interpret it to mean that the government or the commission can enter into an agreement, say with the unemployment insurance board or commission in the old land so that if a worker wishes to come to Canada to live he does not lose his rights; that is, they will be carried on here?

Mr. McLARTY: That is correct.

Section agreed to.

Sections 100 and 101 agreed to.

On section 102—Contributions under part II payable on date to be fixed by commission.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I direct the attention of hon. members to the amendment; delete the word "fixed" and substitute the word "prescribed."

Mr. BRUCE: Why are the provisions in regard to health insurance not in this bill?

Mr. McLARTY: In the 1935 act they were entirely permissive and provided for the commission to investigate and report upon the feasibility of establishing national health insurance. I know the hon. member for Parkdale is familiar with the provisions of the report of the commission on dominion-provincial relations relative to the distribution of federal and provincial powers, which makes the suggestion that the matter of health is one which should be absorbed by the provinces. The unlikelihood of its being used in this bill was the reason why the permissive clause is not included.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Further may I suggest that it is a specific section in the health act, that the dominion health authorities are instructed to cooperate with the provinces, just as the permissive section in the 1935 act provided.

Mr. BRUCE: But in the act of 1935 certain duties and powers were given to the commission. One of the duties of the commission was to assemble reports and collect information and data. I presume that the idea of that was ultimately to enact a health insurance act, following the lines of this Unemployment Insurance Act. In view of what the hon. member for Peel said this morning, I join him in regretting that some such clause or section is not incorporated in this bill. I think this legislation now being enacted is exceedingly important, and I hope it is only the first step in similar social legislation which will ultimately be enacted in regard to national health. Therefore I urge upon the minister the necessity of adding a section to empower the commission to do what was contemplated in part IV, sections 39 to 41, of the Employment and Social Insurance Act of 1935.

Section agreed to.

On section 43—Disqualification through loss of work due to labour dispute.

Mr. McLARTY: I believe an amendment was moved by the hon. member for North Battleford.

The CHAIRMAN: The amendment is that section 43 (a) be amended by striking out the words after the word "continues" in line 29.

Mr. McLARTY: Of course I think the committee should realize that should this amendment be accepted, it would cut out that part of this section which gives rights to those not responsible for the strike. In addition, this section has pretty well stood the test of time in the old country, where it has been in force for twenty-nine years. It was approved by labour during the proceedings of the special committee, and I suggest that it would be