

explanatory notes have been sufficient to give us an idea of what we were doing. In this instance, however, the explanatory notes just seem to confuse the picture.

Mr. ABBOTT: Or perhaps it is the fact that some members have not read the bill ahead of time.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I cannot hear what the minister is saying. I do not know what he is saying. It is to be understood that when a man speaks just a little above a whisper, so that *Hansard* gets it and ordinary members do not, it is not fair. I should like to hear what the Minister of National Defence said.

Mr. GRAYDON: You are not missing as much as you think you are.

An hon. MEMBER: You would be surprised.

Mr. BLACKMORE: We are doing a whole lot more than we think we are doing.

Mr. MACKENZIE: This is good for beet sugar.

Mr. BLACKMORE: That is another bit of smart aleckism. One of the reasons why the member for Lake Centre, a few minutes ago, had to raise a question which was so embarrassing was the fact that this house last fall went too fast and committed itself to a great many things it did not dream it was undertaking, and now the chickens are coming home to roost. I suspect that in this measure there are many things which we do not realize we are committing ourselves to, and the speed at which we are going, as well as the general confusion resulting from the hodge-podge we have before us, makes it much more conducive to misapprehension.

Section agreed to.

On section 9—Fiscal year.

Mr. MacNICOL: I wish to say a word on this section and to compliment the person who drafted the bill upon making this provision:

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the year ending on the thirty-first day of December.

I hope the day is not far distant when the thirty-first of December will be the end of the year in all government business.

Section agreed to.

On section 10—Statement of accounts.

Mr. JACKMAN: May I suggest to the minister that when the annual report comes down next year he be sure to have it distributed to all hon. members as is done with the Bank of Canada report, and not just table it in the

sessional papers' office. Will the minister make it available to all hon. members in their boxes?

Mr. MacKINNON: I should be delighted to see that that is done. My information and my understanding are that copies of the annual report were not only tabled but went to every hon. member. I am sorry if that is not so.

Section agreed to.

On section 11—Definitions.

Mr. MacKINNON: I have four minor amendments to section 11 which I shall ask my colleague, the Minister of Justice, to move.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I beg leave to move:

That section 11 of the bill be amended by striking out paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following:

(a) "Canadian-produced goods" means goods wholly or partly produced or manufactured in Canada or goods belonging to His Majesty in right of Canada, or to His Majesty in right of any province.

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): Can the minister give us a definition of "Canadian-produced goods?" What amount of work has to go into them to make them Canadian-produced goods?

Mr. MacKINNON: I did not hear the question.

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): Suppose we buy an unfinished article from another country, how much work have we to put into it in this country to put it in the category of Canadian-produced goods?

Mr. MacKINNON: That is not definitely spelled out in any way. Canadian-produced goods are goods which are wholly or partly produced or manufactured in Canada.

Mr. MacNICOL: In Great Britain prior to the war I believe that British-made goods had to have a British content of over fifty per cent.

Mr. GREEN: I take it that this amendment means that goods belonging to a province can now be sold to a foreign country and the dominion government put up the money by way of loan to that country. Why is it necessary to do that? What is the purpose of the amendment?

Mr. MacKINNON: This amendment would permit foreign governments to purchase from cooperative organizations in a province or a provincial crown corporation.

Mr. GREEN: Why does the dominion government have to finance a foreign government to purchase goods from a provincial govern-