

- (b) a missionary engaged in mission work among Indians, or
- (c) a school teacher on a reserve,

shall, without a licence from the Minister or his duly authorized representative, trade for profit with an Indian or sell to him directly or indirectly goods or chattels.

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: This is the section which prohibits any person who is an employee of the department trading with an Indian for profit without a licence. The new wording suggested is:

but no such licence shall be issued to a full-time officer or employee in the department.

Mr. CHARLTON: Are we to assume that part-time employees would still be able to do that?

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: It is necessary in many cases.

Mr. CHARLTON: It is not desirable.

Mr. HARKNESS: I was not here during the discussion.

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: Well, there was no discussion while we were on the section but at the conference there was a discussion on agents being put in a position where they can make a profit out of the Indians and we answered that few of them, if any, were permitted to do so, but we had to admit that under this section a licence could be given by the minister to an agent to trade for profit, but as it was not our intention, we agreed to exclude the permanent employee, and the amendment does that.

Mr. HARKNESS: I agree with the amendment so far as it goes but you still have the case of part-time agents, and if they are to be left in the position to deal with the Indians the sort of a situation will exist which can lend itself to abuses and I would think that probably should be covered too.

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: We discussed that at the conference and pointed out how unfortunate the result would be if we excluded them, and it was agreed at the conference that the part-time agent should be permitted to have a licence if the circumstances warranted it.

Mr. GIBSON: But you still have to give him a licence?

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: Yes. We have difficulty in getting part-time agents and do not want to go to the extent of having to hire a full-time agent for some reserves. For instance, I have in mind at the present time a life insurance agent who is acting as a part-time agent and if we excluded him from selling life insurance to the Indians his answer to us would be: I will not take your job for \$500, \$600, or \$700 a year for helping you to part-time look after these Indians. We do not want to be put in the position of having to hire a full-time agent.

Mr. APPLEWHAITE: Will he allow other agents to compete?

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: We are not going to give a monopoly to any company. We went through all this at the conference and saw the difficulties of barring part-time agents and decided if we barred the full-time agents, a large part of the evil would be disposed of.

Mr. ASHBOURNE: What about constables?

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: If a constable is a part-time employee; presumably we might upon application grant him a licence, and we might not.

Mr. CHARLTON: Subsection (2) of section 91 is still to be retained?

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: Yes.

Mr. CHARLTON: You may cancel a licence?

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: Yes.