

mission, but I knew the difficulties in the way and the strength of the propaganda carried on to prevent the work of that commission from having the results which we witness to-day.

I am pleased with the work which was done by the committee which has been studying this question, and I congratulate the members of that committee on the excellent work which they did. I congratulate the house upon having this bill introduced at the present session, and I congratulate the people of Canada on the principle which is represented in the bill.

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): I should just like to associate myself with the last speaker (Mr. Lapointe) in congratulating the Prime Minister on his promptness in bringing down this bill to implement the report which has been unanimously adopted. May I further express my own very great appreciation of the admirable statement which the Prime Minister has made?

Mr. E. J. YOUNG (Weyburn): I just wish to correct a statement made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) and repeated by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth) namely, that the report was adopted unanimously. I voted against it.

Mr. MANION: That makes it unanimous.

Mr. BENNETT: May I say that I think the hon. member for Weyburn (Mr. Young) is more vocal to-day than then.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. LaVergne in the chair.

Sections 1 and 2 agreed to.

On section 3—Canadian radio broadcasting commission.

Mr. BENNETT: I should like the opinion of the committee on this section, and perhaps we might proceed with the next and succeeding sections and come back to this later.

Section stands.

Sections 4 and 5 agreed to.

On section 6—Assistant commissioners.

Mr. CARDIN: Would it not be possible to strengthen the language of clause 6? It says that the governor in council "may" appoint, and so on. I should like to make it the duty of the governor in council to appoint the necessary commissioners for each province.

Mr. BENNETT: I think with his wide knowledge of the interpretation section of the dominion statutes my learned and hon. friend will realize that this is the proper language for a statute. I can assure him action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of the section. I think if he will look at it he will find that the word "may" is the proper word.

Mr. CARDIN: I want to have it clear that so far as the programs are concerned the provinces will have something to say.

Mr. BENNETT: Quite so.

Mr. EULER: There was a clause in the report which recommended that in the appointment of commissioners no political preference should be exercised. Is it possible to incorporate that into the bill, or what is the intention of the government in that regard?

Mr. BENNETT: I think the hon. member realizes it is difficult to incorporate language such as that in a bill, having regard to the general rules which govern in the preparation of statutes. I assure him, however, that every regard shall be had to the principle indicated, and if he has any suggestions to make which will enable the government to have a more comprehensive list from which to make a choice, and if he will forward those suggestions to the government, they will receive every consideration.

Mr. EULER: May I assume the government adopts the principle that was suggested in the report?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes, we have adopted the report.

Section agreed to.

Section 7 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

On section 14—Expenditure of moneys.

Mr. BENNETT: If hon. members will look at section 14 they will find the language is as follows:

Parliament shall not appropriate for such purposes any sum in excess of the estimated revenue from receiving licences,—

And so on. My hon. friend the Secretary of State has directed my attention to the fact that that is not good language to employ, because this parliament cannot forbid what another parliament or the same parliament may do. I am going to change the language of this section so that it will be more appropriate. I ask therefore that for the moment this section be allowed to stand.