

power to make guarantees and to enter into money obligations. Parliament should be advised of all these things in detail.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Would not that be included in this as it reads—"all proceedings"?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I do not think so, because if that were intended it would probably not have appeared in the Relief Act if so understood, I am satisfied. The Relief Act reads as follows:

A report shall be laid before parliament within fifteen days after the expiration of this act, or if parliament is not then in session, shall be published and made available for distribution by the Department of Labour, containing a full and correct statement of the moneys expended, guarantees given and obligations contracted under this act.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): With all due deference, that would not come under part II, because part II has nothing to do with schemes, contracts or anything of that nature, but simply with investigations. It is the report of the investigation committee that would be submitted.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think the minister is right in that, but I would ask him to allow us, if this passes, to revert to part I, and include those words in the corresponding section there. I believe it would be in the public interest to do so.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It does not relate to this part.

Mr. NEILL: I notice the word "annually" is used. Would it not be better to use the words "fiscal year" or "calendar year"? "Annually" is vague; he might elect to do it on his birthday. Why not the fiscal year as in the case of other returns?

Mr. GUTHRIE: I do not think it matters much, but I am willing to agree to any arrangement. It is very difficult in a committee of this size to draw clauses to meet the views of everyone. There are a great many clauses in our statutes to-day that are not very good as they stand because they are the result of attempts to meet views here, there and everywhere. "Annually" I think would serve the purpose, but if it makes it clearer to say "the end of the fiscal year", put it that way.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The appropriations are for the fiscal year, and we are making them in this act, so "fiscal year" would seem to be the correct thing.

Mr. NEILL: I shall move to insert the words "fiscal year," or perhaps the minister will do so.

Mr. DUPRE: Yes; it would then read:

The minister shall at the end of the fiscal year prepare a report of the proceedings ...

Mr. NEILL: Yes, each fiscal year.

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

Mr. DUPRE: I move to add the following as section 25:

If it be found that parliament has exceeded its powers in the enactment of one or more of the provisions of this act, none of the other or remaining provisions of the act shall therefore be held to be inoperative or ultra vires, but the latter provisions shall stand as if they had been originally enacted as separate and independent enactments and as the only provisions of the act; the intention of parliament being to give independent effect to the extent of its powers to every enactment and provision in this act contained.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: There is one point that I wished to ask the Prime Minister about if he had been in the house. Perhaps I may address my remarks to the Minister of Justice. This clause deals with the question of jurisdiction, and the Prime Minister, as the Minister of Justice will recall, dealt with the matter very fully and yet concisely when he spoke on May 18, and again the other day. But I notice this remark of the Prime Minister at page 3197:

But I do say that the dominion parliament in the exercise of its jurisdiction with respect to trade and commerce can confer upon any instrument that it selects the necessary power to act as its agent in the carrying out of its legislative power under trade and commerce.

I do not believe the Prime Minister meant "in carrying out of its legislative power," because what he said elsewhere would indicate that he was of the opinion that as far as the legislative power was concerned that could not be parted with by the federal parliament. What I think the Prime Minister meant to say was, in the carrying out of any provision enacted under its legislative power.

Mr. GUTHRIE: No doubt that was his meaning.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I just wanted to make that point clear.

Section agreed to.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I move that the bill be reprinted with the amendments.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: May I suggest to the minister that after the bill is reprinted the house be given a reasonable time, say a day, to examine the changes before third reading is called for?