

Commits an offence. That amendment was not submitted to the house, it came before the Senate at the request of certain law officers of the provincial governments. I have no objection to it.

Mr. LAPOINTE: That applies only to those who are making money out of the operation of these machines?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Yes, making money out of these slot machines or gambling devices.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It does not apply to those who put their money in them?

Mr. GUTHRIE: No, only to anyone who conducts or manages such a machine. The next amendment is to the minimum wage section which passed this house. When that section was under consideration certain objection was taken to clause (b), which provides:

Everyone is guilty of an indictable offence ... who, knowingly:—

(b) permits an employee to work beyond the maximum hours fixed by law or any competent public authority.

I remember that my hon. friend from Weyburn took strong exception to that clause, and the Senate have seen fit to strike it out. Then at the end of the section we had this general clause:

(h) does any other similar act contrary to law or the rules or regulations of any competent public authority.

The Senate have struck out that clause as well. Then at the request of my hon. friend from Vancouver-Burrard (Mr. Hanbury) a special clause was inserted in regard to the marking of sawlogs and the placing of initials upon them. The Senate have rewritten the whole clause. We merely amended the clause as it stood then, but the Senate have repealed the present clause and enacted a new clause which probably makes the matter plainer, and it has included the suggestion which passed this house in regard to the initials.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): That suggestion is contained in that amendment?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Yes. Then at the end of the bill there is a clause stating at what time the act shall come into force. This is a usual clause in regard to criminal legislation:

This act with the exception of sections one, two A, and five thereof shall come into force on the first day of December, 1935, section five thereof shall come into force on the first day of January, 1936, and sections one and two A shall come into force on the passing of this act.

Section 5 is in regard to the issuing of advertisements, sale catalogues and the like. I think we can concur in all the amendments,

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but I have an open mind and I want the house to come to a conclusion in regard to the racing section.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I am willing to accept my hon. friend as my guide in that.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Personally I have no objection to it; the Senate have seen fit to put it in, and I move concurrence.

Motion agreed to; amendments read the second time and concurred in.

### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

#### MESSAGE FROM SENATE JOINING IN ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to advise the house that I have received a message informing this house that the Senate do unite in an address to His Excellency the Governor General on the occasion of the approaching termination of His Excellency's official connection with this country and have inserted in a space therein the words "Senate and."

### DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT, 1934

The house resumed from Thursday, July 4, consideration in committee of Bill No. 105, to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1934—Mr. Guthrie—Mr. Smith (Cumberland) in the chair.

On section 3—Form 20 amended.

Mr. GUTHRIE: When the committee rose yesterday we were discussing the affidavit which is part of section 3. I have gone over the matter very carefully since that time; I have considered it from a good many angles, and I think I can make some suggestions modifying the form of affidavit that perhaps will meet with the approval of the committee.

I think we will all agree that the fundamental questions in regard to the exercise of the franchise are first that the person exercising it should be a British subject and second that he should be twenty-one years of age. I do not suppose there is any difference of opinion in that regard. These lists have been prepared, in the cities, to a very large extent by enumeration; inquiries have not been made in regard to the citizenship, in many instances, and I am afraid there also has been some laxity in regard to the ages of the persons who have been put on the lists by the enumerators. The first clause of this affidavit merely reads:

(1) That I am a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years;