

pens unfortunately that I am the man to come under your axe. The question that came under discussion was really the question of the appointment of this officer, and it came under this clause. You were courteous enough to allow all the other members to discuss it, but when I got up you pointed out that it was out of order.

Mr. GUTHRIE: We are going to let clause 19 stand until the next time.

The CHAIRMAN: It was precisely because the debate had wandered away from clause 18 and that other hon. members had been guilty of the same offence that I did not call attention to the point of order until the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. Currie) had concluded his remarks.

Mr. CURRIE: I bow to your ruling.

The CHAIRMAN: I only rose to ascertain if section 18 would be adopted before the minister would give his answer to a question which relates to clause 19. Does the hon. member for Pontiac (Mr. Cahill) persist in his desire to appeal from the ruling of the Chair?

Mr. CAHILL: I certainly do.

Mr. FIELDING: I hope my hon. friend from Pontiac (Mr. Cahill) will allow the matter to stand and that he will not press the point. The matter is pretty well understood. We are all apt to wander away from the particular clause under consideration. I think it would be a pity to have any appeal from the ruling of the Chair, and I hope my hon. friend will not press the point.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I think my hon. friend from Pontiac is right when he says that the two clauses are closely connected, and I would ask that clause 18 be allowed to stand while we discuss 19.

The CHAIRMAN: That is altogether a different request.

Mr. CAHILL: That is the request I got on my feet to make, but I was called to order before you heard what I had to say, and that is why I appealed from the Chair. If the clause is allowed to stand, as the minister has suggested, I will withdraw my appeal.

The CHAIRMAN: If the hon. member for Pontiac does not accept the ruling of the Chair and withdraw his appeal, we cannot continue the work of the Committee until the House has given its decision upon the ruling.

[Mr. Currie.]

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think the minister has consented to this clause standing for consideration.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I do not see any reason why.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw, withdraw.

Mr. CAHILL: I withdraw the appeal.

The CHAIRMAN: I understand that the ruling is accepted and the appeal withdrawn.

Mr. CURRIE: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Is the appeal withdrawn?

Mr. CAHILL: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 19.

Mr. LAPOINTE: What about clause 18?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lapointe moves that further consideration of clause 18 be postponed.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Just a moment. Is there any necessity for that? Are we going to make any progress? Clause 19 is the clause that brings the whole thing up. I have no objection to it standing but I want to make some progress. If anything turns on the clause I will agree to it standing.

Mr. CANNON: Can we discuss clause 18 in conjunction with clause 19?

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 18 stands. Shall clause 19 be adopted?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Stand. There is no object in letting one clause stand unless you allow the other to stand also.

Mr. LAPOINTE: We want to discuss the two clauses together.

Mr. CANNON: The two clauses are very similar, we would like to discuss them together.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I was under the impression that an understanding was reached whereby contentious clauses should not be discussed at to-night's sitting. We have passed a number of non-contentious clauses and have made some progress with the Bill. If we are now to take up contentious clauses we shall not make much further progress.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Is this a contentious clause?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Might I point out to the Acting Solicitor General that