Mr. Caron: Does the minister intend to change the words "any of the provinces of Canada"? This wording excludes the Northwest Territories. If the words "Northwest Territories", were included, then a person in that area could take the position.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): I am trying to understand the hon. member's question. Is he suggesting that we should limit this to people within the territories?

Mr. Caron: No, but by adding those words to the definition, as it is now, this area would be included. It says "any of the provinces of Canada", but the Yukon Territory is not a province of Canada as yet. This would clarify the interpretation and make it clear that those living in the Yukon Territory would be eligible for the position.

Mr. Winch: They are, under the Interpretation Act.

Mr. Caron: It would be much clearer if it were written in this section.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): I raised the same matter, but my friends in justice informed me that the word "province" is used continually throughout our legislation to mean, under the Interpretation Act, the provinces and territories. The addition of the word "territories" would make this phrase superfluous.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

On clause 4—*Manufacture and importation of intoxicants.*

Mr. Herridge: There has been a sort of fable in existence throughout Canada for many years to the effect that the content of alcohol in spirits sold in the Yukon and Northwest Territories greatly exceeds that usually obtainable in the other provinces of Canada. Can the minister inform the house if that is correct, and by what extent the alcohol content of the spirits exceeds that of other provinces?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): This rumour is true. Transportation into the north country is very expensive, and it seems such a waste to spend money for the transportation of water. I understand the liquor known as rum is particularly potent, but I believe the other liquors are more or less average and in line with those sold in the rest of Canada.

Mr. Pearson: Before this clause carries does the expression "a person authorized by him", mean that the appointment can be made of any person? Can there be any number of persons appointed or just one person?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): I took this matter up with justice, and their ruling is the word "a" does mean any, in the full sense of the word. You can appoint one or more.

Mr. Pearson: Any number of persons?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Yes.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): When shall this bill be read a third time? Now, by unanimous consent?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle) moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

NATIONAL PARKS

CAPE BRETON—PROVISION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN LANDS

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-36, to amend the National Parks Act respecting the boundaries of Cape Breton Highlands national park.

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

On clause 1—*Lands withdrawn from Cape Breton Highlands national park.*

Mr. Winch: Could we have an explanation in detail because this concerns the withdrawal of certain lands from a park area?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): A week ago, Mr. Chairman, I outlined the reasons for the withdrawal of this area from the park. I shall repeat briefly, if I may, the situation that exists. The purpose of withdrawing these 10 square miles from the Cape Breton national park is to provide for the Wreck Cove hydro development of the Nova Scotia power commission. As I said a week ago, the National Parks Act does not allow the exploitation of the resources of that area when they are inside the park. If it is decided, however, that the national interest requires the development of these resources within that area, then that area has to be removed from the park. There are precedents for this.