

paper and of all other articles of stationery required for the use of members and employees of the two Houses of Parliament and of the several departments of the Government of Canada.

Section 3 was agreed to.

On section 4—section relating to requisitions repealed:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: We have practically substituted this section 22 for section 24, as I understand. Is that correct? The new section will, I presume, take the place of section 24?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No. Section 24 provides:

All purchases made by the Superintendent of Stationery as hereinbefore provided shall be so made upon requisition approved by the minister or the King's Printer, and, in the case of printing paper for parliamentary printing, the Canada Gazette and departmental reports, in accordance with contracts entered into with the like approval after tenders have been called for.

That is repealed.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: What is the effect of repealing that clause?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It prepares the way for new section 30A, which provides:

Until a general purchasing agency is established, the Superintendent of Supplies shall—do so-and-so. He shall practically supersede those other officers who have had charge of purchasing.

Section 4 was agreed to.

On section 5—new section 30A—Superintendent of Supplies to purchase stationery, etc., and be responsible for outside work:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: This follows section 30, which reads:

The accountant shall, under direction of the minister and the King's Printer, audit all accounts for any of the services under the control of the department, keep the accounts of the department, receive and deposit all cash paid in, and render statements of accounts to the clerks of the two Houses of Parliament and the deputy heads of the several departments, as and when the same are required by this Act or by regulations made by, or instructions received from, the minister.

Then this new section defines the duties of the Superintendent of Supplies.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Would the honourable gentleman kindly read the new section?

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN (reading):

Until a general purchasing agency is established, the Superintendent of Supplies shall,

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under the general supervision of the King's Printer, and in accordance with regulations to be made by the minister, purchase all articles of stationery and all materials and supplies required for printing, binding, electrotyping, stereotyping, lithographing, engraving, and other work of a like nature, and shall place all orders and shall be responsible for all outside work of a like nature that may be required for the service of Parliament and of the several departments of the Government of Canada.

2. All purchases made by the Superintendent of Supplies shall be so made upon requisition approved by the minister or as he directs, and all purchases involving an amount of five hundred dollars or upwards shall be made in accordance with contracts entered into with the like approval after tenders have been called for.

3. All such purchases made on the authority of requisitions duly approved by the minister, or as he directs, shall be paid after audit by the accountant.

Hon. Mr. POWER: Does it not occur to the minister that there is a sort of conflict between the clause we are now considering and clause 3? Clause 3 says that the Superintendent of Stationery shall have charge of the custody and supply of all articles of stationery; and then it goes on to say, "not including printing materials, printing paper, and printing supplies, required for the use of members." The clause that is now under consideration says that this officer—

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No; the Superintendent of Supplies. There are two officers: one is Superintendent of Stationery, the other is Superintendent of Supplies.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Has the Superintendent of Supplies anything to do with the purchase of machinery and plant for the Printing Bureau?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: This section is meant to cover all machinery, etc?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, until a general purchasing agency is established.

Section 5 was agreed to.

On section 6—Auditor General to check materials and supplies in stock:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: What is subsection 2 of section 39, which is repealed?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: it provides that:

The Auditor General shall, annually or more frequently, at his discretion, cause the stock of stationery in store to be checked with the quantities purchased and supplied.

Section 6 was agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to.