

Senator MACDONALD: Yes; it is for cause.

Senator HAYDEN: I am just saying that this "during pleasure" should be exercisable only by the Governor in Council rather than by the minister, if you are fearful of that.

The CHAIRMAN: My mind was running along the same line. The words "during pleasure" are the words that stick in our minds. Suppose you worded it in this way: "to hold office for a period of seven years subject to prior removal for cause by the Governor in Council." How would that be?

Senator HAYDEN: The words "for cause" bother me as much as the words "during pleasure".

Senator ASELTINE: Same here.

Senator HAYDEN: Why should the Government, on a matter of policy, have to give a cause for the removal of the President?

Senator MACDONALD: They do for the removal of all the other directors.

Senator KINLEY: They can only demote them.

Senator MACDONALD: The thing that strikes me in connection with this bill is that the President and Vice-President can be dismissed at any time without cause but all the other directors hold office during good behaviour and cannot be removed except by the Governor General on address by the Senate and the House of Commons. Now, there is not that difference.

Senator HAYDEN: Yes, there is. The directors are supposed to give a country wide representation; that is supposed to be a protection for the public operation of this business, and therefore just because they may hold a different view or express a viewpoint the Government doesn't like should not cause them to be subject to removal. That is why they have the stipulation for appointment during good behaviour. But the president and vice-president are there from day to day and running and operating this business, and there has to be a more immediate direction.

Senator MACDONALD: All right; and under the present arrangement if they have a difference with the Minister they can go out—like that.

Senator HAYDEN: That has happened in the past.

Senator MACDONALD: I know, but that is not right, that is improper. I also go back to the point that you would not get the proper people to accept appointment on those conditions. What was the proposal you had, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Well, my proposal was to take out the words "during pleasure", and to insert at the end of that line 6 "for a period of seven years, subject to prior removal for cause by the Governor General in Council". Of course, I would like to hear from the Department of Justice.

Mr. THORSON: I think you are coming back to the concept of "good behaviour", Mr. Chairman, and would suggest that if you are going in that direction, it would be simpler to make the substitution that you originally suggested, namely in subsection 2 to stipulate that they shall be appointed to hold office during good behaviour. Then you would go down to subsection 4 and delete the words "and a director appointed to hold office during good behaviour", so that it will read, "A director ceases to be a director of the Corporation upon attaining the age of seventy years, and may be removed at any time . . ." et cetera.

Senator HAYDEN: It seems to me that would be a better way.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think perhaps it would. It seems to me that we should look at it this way, that if you are making this amendment, on the one hand, we are perhaps removing from the minds of certain members of the public the idea that this section would permit political interference of