

The CHAIRMAN: This is only an opinion from a representative of one labour organization. The other day we had opinions from another labour organization. We could not go into any large scheme of unemployment insurance on any individual opinions of that kind; we would have to make the inquiry more thorough.

WITNESS: I would also hope, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, that another matter will be considered, that is, the amount of wealth that is created in Canada and the amount of wages paid to the workers. Perhaps that will give you an idea as to who should pay for unemployment.

Mr. McMILLAN: Any such scheme should be approached from the standpoint of the general welfare and interests of the country.

Mr. JENKINS: Certainly.

Mr. HEAPS: I think most of us take a favourable attitude on this question; I think most of the members have taken a very favourable attitude towards it. The difficult question to be decided by the Committee is, how is such a scheme to be put into operation?

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. I have one more question to ask. Do you not think, Mr. Mosher, that a scheme which has received the consent of the Parliament of Canada, composed of various elements in which Labour does not predominate, would be more likely to get through—that is what we want—than one to which they were not to contribute?—A. I think you are quite right there. Undoubtedly it would be easier to get through a scheme to which both employers and workers would contribute than to get what we consider the ideal scheme.

Q. It is better to ask for something you can get than for something you obviously cannot get?—A. That is true.

(Discussion followed.)

(Witness retired.)

Moved by Mr. Neill:

That a representative of the Department of Justice be asked to attend before this Committee with a written statement as to the jurisdiction of the Dominion and Provincial authorities in the matter of unemployment insurance, sickness insurance, and invalidity insurance, dealing with these three matters separately.

Motion agreed to.

R. A. RIGG, called and sworn.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Proceed, Mr. Rigg, and say what you wish to say?—A. Mr. Chairman, when I spoke to the Committee upon a previous occasion, Mr. Woodsworth asked some questions which I was not in a position at that time to answer. Having given some attention to them in the meantime, I want to reply to them as well as I am able to, on the present occasion. At page 102 of the report of the proceedings before this Committee, Mr. Woodsworth asked:

What proportion of the employers report to you?

As showing the volume of employment afforded by their various industries I wish to submit the following information, which has been taken from the Census of Industry Figures collected by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. I will read it over, and then leave the document with the Committee for filing purposes. In the manufacturing industry, in 1925, there were 22,331 establishments reporting the number of employees in their employ. Of the total number of employees, 77,623 were salaried and 466,602 wage earners. In 1926, 22,708

[Mr. R. A. Rigg.]