

*Corporations and Labour Unions*

intends to carry out making the regulations as he intended in the first place.

18 Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

On clause 18—*Coming into force.*

**Mr. Roberge:** Is the minister able to give some indication to the committee as to the possible date of proclamation?

**Mr. Fulton:** Did the hon. member say the possible date of proclamation or prorogation? I want to be quite clear which question I am answering.

**Mr. Roberge:** I said proclamation.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** He is staying within the rules.

**Mr. Fulton:** The only answer I can give is that such time as will be necessary to draw up the regulations must be allowed before proclamation. It will be proclaimed as soon as possible in the light of the things we have to do in that regard. I would think it would be at least a couple of months.

**Mr. Caron:** If this bill is of very great importance then I think it should be implemented as fast as possible.

**Mr. Fulton:** It will be.

**Mr. Caron:** If it is important then I move the following amendment:

That clause 18 be struck out and replaced by the following: "This act shall come into effect on July 1, 1962."

**Mr. Howard:** An amendment which we could support would be one which would read that the act come into effect on July 1, 2062. However, in keeping with the results which are to come from the bill, if we leave it up to the governor in council to proclaim when the bill will come into force perhaps he will forget about it in the meantime and it will never come into force.

**Mr. Fulton:** I have explained to the hon. member for Megantic that I am not able to set a precise date as to when we shall have the regulations drawn, and therefore I am really unable to accept the deadline contained in the amendment.

**The Chairman:** The question is on the amendment.

**Mr. Fulton:** If I might just complete my answer; it might be sooner than July 1, 1962, and then it would be unfortunate if we had to wait for that date.

**Mr. Caron:** We want to give you time enough.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Before the amendment is put I might say that we have learned during

the last four years that "immediately," "soon," "very soon," and "in the very near future" have a very different meaning coming from the present treasury benches than they have when used by the rest of the population of the country.

Since we have taken a lot of time putting this bill through the house and giving it the most careful scrutiny, and since we are supporting the bill because we want to see whether it will do any good, even though we are rather sceptical about that, we think parliament ought to be sure that it will come into force and not be postponed like many of those other 80 promises that have not been fulfilled.

Amendment (Mr. Caron) negatived: Yeas, 11; Nays, 43.

Clause agreed to.

On the schedule.

**Mr. Howard:** We spent a considerable amount of time dealing with an amendment which we proposed to clause 3 of the bill, dealing with those matters contained within the schedule. We see no reason, of course, to reiterate those reasons and arguments now in any detailed way or in a formal way by way of amendment, except to say that we object strenuously to the inclusion in the schedule, and thereby the exemption, of certain corporations from reporting under this act, namely those mentioned in paragraphs Nos. 1 to 6 and 13 to 15, and in particular paragraph No. 17, which gives another blank cheque to the government to exclude any other class or group of corporations that it may desire to exclude in the future. We are opposed to this.

**The Chairman:** Shall the schedule carry?

**Mr. Caron:** Mr. Chairman, when we were discussing clause 3 it was understood that when we came to the schedule the minister might be in a position to answer my questions. My first question was this: are the subsidiary companies of the Bell Telephone Company mentioned in the annual report which they have to submit to the board of transport commissioners? My second question was: how many telephone companies report to the board of transport commissioners? Is the minister in a position to answer those questions?

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Chairman, I understand that a perusal of the latest annual report available from the Bell Telephone Company shows that the only subsidiary reported on formally is Northern Electric Company. I am informed, however, that this is the main subsidiary of Bell Telephone Company and that the report says that Northern Electric