

on to purchase fish from the Indians. Ninth, for operation of canteens on a reserve. Tenth, for the purpose of granting certain churches the right to use portions of a reserve. Eleventh, for certain cottage sites, particularly in the province of Quebec. Twelfth, for advertising signs on a reserve.

There are a great many more, but these will do as an indication of the kind of permission which is granted by the minister under that section.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that sufficient?

Carried.

Mr. FULTON: Mr. Chairman, I understand this is one of the types of sections about which there was certain controversy and reservation on the part of the Indians who came down. Now, as I understand it from the Minister, since there are only about seven sections which are not actually carried, I wonder if this would not be the time to consider again the matter which was raised at the very beginning of this committee's proceedings, that is, whether or not we should hear from representatives of the Indians as to their views, particularly on the controversial sections.

The CHAIRMAN: You were not here on the last day, Mr. Fulton.

Mr. FULTON: I think I was, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: But you were not here when this matter was discussed. We did discuss it at the last meeting and we decided to hear the minister first and then to discuss any other points you would like to raise.

Mr. FULTON: Was it decided that we would carry even these controversial sections before deciding further?

The CHAIRMAN: While you carry these, you can still go back over them and review them.

Mr. FULTON: Am I to understand that the carrying by this committee of a section would not prejudice the right, if it is decided, to hear any representations. I mean the right to re-open the given section and to suggest amendments. You would not rule that this matter has been carried, and therefore it is not open to move an amendment to it?

The CHAIRMAN: I understand that this Act does not become law until it is passed by parliament.

Mr. FULTON: I was just wondering. Let us consider section 28, for example. If we carry section 28, and then decide, after we have carried that section, to hear representations from the Indians, you will not rule that, since section 28 has been carried, therefore it is not open for further consideration or amendments by this committee?

The CHAIRMAN: No, I think not. I think the committee can make its own laws and can decide whether it wants to open up an amendment, or whatever it wants to do on a particular section.

Mr. FULTON: So I take it that you will not rule, for example, that section 28 is not open for reconsideration by the committee?

The CHAIRMAN: I would think so; that is my understanding. We will make our own laws in this committee.

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: Is it not perfectly logical, Mr. Chairman, if there are sections as to which members of the committee want to have Indians' opinions, that the given sections should stand until we have heard them? What is the point of passing this section, then?

The CHAIRMAN: We will have to make up our minds.

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: But we cannot make up our minds until we have heard the other side of the question.