

Combines Investigation Act

I should like to ask the minister how he proposes to bring forward for adoption by this committee the amendments to certain clauses which were made in the banking and commerce committee, bearing in mind that we are dealing with a report of the standing committee which has not been adopted by the house. These amendments are not reprinted in the amended bill and it is, I think, desirable that they should be put forward at some early point in the consideration of the appropriate clauses so the committee may know exactly what it has to deal with. This is a small point, nevertheless I think it is one worthy of consideration.

Mr. Fulton: I agree it is desirable that the committee should have the fullest knowledge of the amendments reported by the banking and commerce committee. These amendments will be found in *Votes and Proceedings* for Tuesday, July 19, and that, of course was available yesterday when we started our consideration in this committee. My understanding of the practice being followed is that the chairman, when he comes to a clause on which the banking and commerce committee reported an amendment, says, "Shall the clause as amended by the banking and commerce committee carry?" That was done, I believe, in respect to clause 1. The present clause, I believe, is the next clause to which the banking and commerce committee made an amendment.

May I point out in addition that there is a reprint of Bill No. C-58 available today with the amendments made by the banking and commerce committee printed in the bill. I will make inquiries to see if it can now be distributed. However, as I say, all the amendments will be found in *Votes and Proceedings* for July 19.

Mr. Pickersgill: Is it not necessary, notwithstanding that they have been reported, to have them formally approved by the committee? This is not a big point, but it does raise an interesting question.

Mr. Fulton: The chairman has been adopting the practice of asking "Shall the clause as amended in the banking and commerce committee carry?" I should think that would be sufficient, but if hon. members wish, in addition, that I should have somebody move the adoption of the recommendations of the banking and commerce committee I shall be glad to follow that course.

Mr. Caron: I believe it should be brought up in the house, because I have a copy of the new bill and it is marked "As passed by the

House of Commons." The committee on banking and commerce is not the House of Commons, and I think it should come back to the house so we may take cognizance of the report of the committee.

Mr. Fulton: It is true that this does say "As passed by the House of Commons", but if the hon. member will look at the next line he will see that the date is left blank; he will see that that is in anticipation and, I hope, a fair one of the fact that the bill will be finally passed by the house.

Mr. McIlraith: Since the matter is not without importance, I thought it should properly be raised at this time. Speaking for myself, it is satisfactorily dealt with, but perhaps it would be helpful if when we come to clauses which have been amended by the committee some indication could be given when the clause is called.

Mr. Fulton: I am sure, Mr. Chairman, that you will help the committee, if I may put it that way, by trying to point out which clauses have been so amended, and I shall also try to inform the committee in case that is overlooked.

Mr. McIlraith: Then I wish to turn very briefly to the amendment proposed in the committee on banking and commerce to clause 12, having to do with appeal. Is the minister satisfied that this gives the right of appeal from all decisions of the courts, including the proceedings indicated in clause 19 of the bill?

Mr. Fulton: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I was just checking to make finally sure that this had been re-examined since the proceedings in the banking and commerce committee. We are satisfied that it covers all the appeals referred to by the hon. member.

Mr. Howard: As the minister indicated, there is a reprint, and perhaps the minor point I am raising with respect to renumbering the subclauses has been covered in the reprint. At the top of page 5 we find that the black figure 31 indicates that it will be section 31 of the act. Then we have subclause 1 immediately following that. In line 20 we start with subclause 2 and then in line 34 we have another subclause 2. This indicates to me that the bill contains two subclauses numbered 2. The last one is headed "Application". Should that not be subclause 3, or has this been straightened out?

Mr. Fulton: We are dealing here actually with clause 12 of the bill, which starts at the bottom of page 4.

Mr. Pickersgill: Line 45.

Mr. Fulton: Clause 12 is divided into two subclauses, subclause 1 and subclause 2. It