

render the establishment of such a market there ineffective or impossible as a practical matter. The minister should consider that, before providing for the establishment of a sample market at Fort William. He may do more harm than good to the principle of the sample market by unduly multiplying such markets.

Mr. FOSTER (North Toronto). I have not lost sight of that, but I do not look for any bad results from this proposal. As to the possibility of a successful sample market at Fort William, it may be realized at once, or it may be realized later, but we have made provision for it in this section.

I have two other amendments, one to section 247, which provides for the repeal of portions of former Acts included in or superseded by this Act. It is also provided that this Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the 'Canada Gazette.'

Bill reported.

At six o'clock House took recess.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

APPOINTMENT OF A TARIFF COMMISSION.

House again in committee on Bill (No. 88) to provide for the appointment of a Tariff Commission.—Mr. White (Leeds).

Mr. WHITE (Leeds). When the House was last in committee, I promised to give attention to certain amendments which were proposed by some hon. gentlemen. The hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) suggested that there should be an amendment providing for the payment of the fees of witnesses summoned before the commission, and that I think desirable. I shall move, following a similar clause of the Railway Act, that in the discretion of the commission or commissioners the like fees or allowances may be paid to witnesses as if they were summoned to attend before the Exchequer Court. Then, my hon. friend from Halifax (Mr. Maclean) suggested that no person should be compellable to give evidence outside of the province in which he is served with a summons, and I think that suggestion is a good one. I have prepared an amendment following the lines of a similar section in the Railway Act, which I shall ask to have inserted. I may say that my hon. friend (Mr. Maclean) is, I think, satisfied with the wording of the amendment which I have drafted. The other amendment, which was more important than either of these, came as a suggestion from the hon. member for Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair). The only objection I have to his suggestion, after having given it con-

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sideration, is that it does not go far enough to carry out the intention of the government respecting the giving of information to parliament. My hon. friend from Guysborough, in the course of the discussion, submitted the following amendment:

All evidence and information taken by the commissioners, not held to be confidential under the provisions of subsection 6 of this section, shall be laid on the table of the House within ten days after the opening of parliament.

I have enlarged on the idea of the hon. member (Mr. Sinclair) and I submit the following as an amendment:

Whenever a report has been made under this Act, a copy thereof and a copy of the evidence, if any, taken, and all the information obtained, except such evidence and information as is of a confidential character under subsection 8 of the next preceding section, in connection therewith, shall be laid before parliament by the minister, within fifteen days, after the opening of the session thereafter, or within fifteen days after the making of this report, if parliament is then in session.

I believe the hon. member (Mr. Sinclair) will be quite content with that. My amendment embraces not only the report received during recess between sessions, but the reports received during a session of parliament. Then, subsection 5 of section 4 seems to be limited to the evidence taken, and I think it desirable that information which may be claimed by the commission and which might not be technically considered evidence, if they act on it in any way, should also be submitted with the report. I move to amend the Bill in that direction.

Mr. NESBITT. What does the clause mean by 'summary manner?'

Mr. WHITE (Leeds). I explained that the other night. It would mean without the formality of procedure that characterizes proceedings in a court of record.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Without pleadings?

Mr. WHITE (Leeds). I am thankful to my hon. friend (Mr. Pugsley) for the suggestion; I think that describes the meaning. I think these are all the amendments that I was asked to consider.

Mr. McKENZIE. Is it proposed that the report with the evidence, shall be printed and distributed like other blue-books?

Mr. WHITE (Leeds). That would be a matter entirely within the control of the House.

Mr. McKENZIE. If the report is merely laid on the table, it is not available to all the members, unless it is printed like any other blue-book.