

Mr. BENIDICKSON: Are those the figures for the past year?

Mr. PROBE: Can the minister indicate whether those figures are broken down on the sharing of administration costs with the provinces, or can he give an explanation as to what is done about sharing the cost of administration in respect of training?

Mr. MITCHELL: There is no administration cost in connection with buildings.

Mr. PROBE: I am talking about training. Who pays the administration cost of the training programs? Is that cost divided between the provinces and the dominion?

Mr. MITCHELL: We do not pay administration costs. They pay the costs.

Mr. PROBE: And they do not bill the dominion for a portion?

Mr. MITCHELL: No.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: Have all the provinces indicated that they propose to participate in the extension of the vocational training program?

Mr. MITCHELL: Yes.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: I have not been able to obtain a copy of the annual report of the Canadian vocational training section for 1946-47, but I notice from the report of 1945-46 that, in spite of allocation by the dominion of certain sums of money, several of the provinces have not participated by any means to the extent of the allotment made to them. Is there anything in the nature of an allotment in connection with this program?

Mr. MITCHELL: Yes. The plan naturally did not go into high gear under war conditions. The provinces have taken up their allotments since, in the last twelve months. Those figures will be on the record.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING CONTRIBUTIONS, PROCEDURE, OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour) moved the second reading of Bill No. 203, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.

Mr. STANLEY KNOWLES (Winnipeg North Centre): May I say, Mr. Speaker, that we over here in this group are quite prepared to allow this bill to be given second reading now, if there is no debate on it. But we would

appreciate it if, as soon as we go into committee, the minister would be good enough to move that we rise and report progress. After all, we have had the bill for only a couple of hours, and it is a rather important one.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Golding in the chair.

Mr. MITCHELL: I move that the committee now rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. KNOWLES: Thank you.

Progress reported.

RAILWAY GRADE CROSSING FUND

INCREASE IN AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR NINE YEARS FROM APRIL, 1948

The house resumed from Monday, April 19, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chevrier for the second reading of Bill No. 201, to amend the Railway Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Golding in the chair.

On section 1—Appropriation for highway crossings.

Mr. CASE: I have not a copy of the bill before me. I do not know where it is. Before I would be prepared to accept section 1, I want to ask the minister if this bill has anything to do with the debate that has been in progress for some time in the House of Commons.

Mr. CHEVRIER: It has not.

Mr. CASE: That is fine. Thank you.

Mr. CHURCH: I understood that this Bill No. 201 was not to come up tonight, and I left my papers in my office. But I want to point this out to the minister regarding Bill No. 201, to amend the Railway Act. The minister proposes to spend half a million dollars this year. According to the return which he brought down in the house in answer to questions I asked away back last February—and as I say, I have not my papers here—a small amount was spent. These grade crossings are taking a great toll of life in this country at the present time. For the minister to propose such a small amount, only half a million dollars, for all the level crossings in this country is inadequate. It amounts to almost nothing. Ontario did not get anything.

I am sorry I have not the return here, because I was told that the bill was not coming up tonight. I am not objecting to its coming up. I want to say this. We have some of