

18. Subsection one of section eighty-four presently reads as follows:

"(1). The Committee shall, not later than the end of February in each year, make a report to the Governor in Council on the financial condition of the Unemployment Insurance Fund as of the thirty-first day of December last preceding, and shall also make a report to the Governor in Council on the financial condition of the Fund whenever the Committee considers that the Fund is or is likely to become, and is likely to continue to be, insufficient to discharge its liabilities, and may make a report on the financial condition of the Fund at such other times as the Committee may think fit."

Under the subsection as it now stands the Committee is required to make a report on the Fund as of the end of December last preceding whereas under section ninety-four the Commission is required to make a report as of the end of the fiscal year March thirty-first. Some difficulty and a little confusion is caused by these two requirements requiring reports on the Fund as of different periods. It is considered that it will facilitate the work of all concerned if the reporting periods of the Commission and of the Committee are uniform.

19. The present subsection two of section eighty-six now reads as follows:

"86. (2) On the recommendation of the Committee and the Commission, the Governor in Council may extend the provisions of Part II of this Act to any of the employments specified as excepted employments in Part II of the First Schedule to this Act with such modifications, if any, as may be found necessary, or by special or supplementary schemes."

It is not clear on reading the present subsection two that the extension of coverage might apply to only one part of an employment now excepted. For example, agriculture is an excepted employment. It might be desired to bring under the Act a certain type of market gardening without extending coverage to all phases of agricultural employment.

Subsection three is new and has the effect of bringing into the Act an amendment which was previously made under authority of the War Measures Act by Order in Council P.C. 3569. In planning the extension of coverage to lumbering and logging it was found not administratively feasible to extend coverage throughout the country at one time and it is necessary to proceed on a gradual basis and with varying seasonal regulations for the various parts of the country. The new subsection three makes this possible.

Subsection four applies the principles of subsection three to other possible extensions.