

Mr. MacNICOL: Then what does "Ireland" include?

Mr. MARTIN: The hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar asked that question a while ago. My suggestion is that when we come to section 28 I shall deal with that in greater detail.

Mr. FLEMING: There may be times when persistence is not a virtue. However, I come back to the point I raised earlier, which was offered in the hope of assisting the minister. With great respect may I say that if the minister is relying upon section 39 to provide the necessary powers to extend the list of countries within the first schedule, then, in my humble estimation, the powers conferred by section 39 are not adequate for the purpose. That section empowers the governor in council to make regulations generally for carrying into effect the purposes and provisions of the bill. There is nothing in section 39, which expressly or by implication clothes the governor in council with power to extend the list of countries in the first schedule by proclamation. I suggest that this, being a matter of draftsmanship, might have further consideration. I suggest that there is some inadequacy in the draftsmanship.

Mr. MARTIN: I can only say that the Department of Justice advises us that the section is satisfactory. However, section 39 will not be reached to-night, and I shall give the matter further consideration.

THE ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): Shall section 2 carry?

Mr. POULIOT: Stand.

Mr. MacNICOL: I have a further question: What about Jamaica?

Mr. POULIOT: We shall have to teach the newcomer. What is Canadian citizenship? That is what they will ask us and we shall tell them to look at the bill. They will find that under the bill it means a person who is a Canadian citizen. They will have to read the whole bill to understand what it means, and when they have reached the end they will have forgotten the beginning. I do not wish to be unpleasant; far from it.

Mr. MARTIN: You are not unpleasant.

Mr. POULIOT: Thank you. The bill should contain a meaning. Some hon. members have spoken of immigrants from Europe and other countries to the east. The legislation should be clear. A description is not a definition. Before defining "Canadian citizenship" the word "citizenship" must be defined. There are

different meanings of this word to be found in Webster's dictionary, in the Century dictionary published by the Encyclopaedia Britannica and in many other fine and complete dictionaries. We shall have to make our choice.

The great trouble is that we take definitions for granted without having them in a bill. It cannot be done like that and it is not good drafting to do it. I hold in my hand the Concise Oxford dictionary that is placed on the table for the use of hon. members. I should like to quote the definition of "citizen" that is given. I intend to give the definition contained in this dictionary, but if I go to the library and get Webster's I know I shall find another definition. Then there will be another definition in the Century dictionary, another one in the French encyclopaedia and so on. When we must refer to several sections of the bill to get the meaning of this word it simply means that a lot of embarrassment will be created for the people who must administer this legislation. Here is the definition of "citizen":

Burgess, freeman, of city; townsman; civilian; member, native or naturalized, of a state (usu. of; c. of the world, cosmopolitan); inhabitant of. Hence citizenship, citizenship.

Then there is the medieval meaning of citsesein, and so on. That is not clear.

Mr. GRAYDON: The bill is an improvement on that.

Mr. POULIOT: Inasmuch as it is a repetition of the same word. I am not saying that we have been supplied with the best dictionary that there is. There are others more complete, but I am using this one because I have it at hand. I am sure my hon. friends realize the difficulty of the man on the street who wants to know what citizenship means and who looks at the dictionary. He finds "cosmopolitan", *Cosmopolitan* magazine. Here is the definition of nationality:

Being national, national quality; patriotic sentiment; one's nation (what is his n.); a nation (men of all nn.); existence as a nation; race forming part of one or more political nations (-ity).

Mr. MacNICOL: What does that mean?

Mr. POULIOT: It must be an abbreviation for some profane language. Will every man in Canada have to have a copy of this Oxford dictionary in order to understand this? Then here is the definition of "naturalize":

Naturalize, Admit (alien) to citizenship; adopt (foreign word, custom & c.); introduce (animal, plant) into another country; become naturalized; free from conventions, make natural; free from the miraculous, place on naturalistic basis; pursue natural history. Hence naturalization.