

which are so destructive, so to speak, of any benefits under the measure, but which happen to fit conditions here. Surely the English language is capable of being put in such a way that both conditions can be met, and I think it can be met in that way. There are what are called "gyppo" logging outfits which operate for only two or three months. They would not come in because they are not reasonably continuous. But I could name some outfits which log practically continuously, and are stopped only by some condition of the weather, or lack of orders, which this amendment is intended to take care of.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): How would paragraph (c) read if effect is given to the present amendment along with the amendment of the minister?

Mr. NEILL: Paragraph (c) will now read, among the excepted employments, "employment in lumbering and logging which are not reasonably continuous in their operations." It meets the objection of those who have in mind these two-months logging outfits, and it will take in lumbering, logging and sawmills entirely, because the word "lumbering," according to the dictionary, includes taking the log from the tree into the manufactured article.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I direct attention to the amendment recommended by the committee, and which will be found on page 2. It deletes paragraph (c) and substitutes therefor the following:

(c) Employment in lumbering and logging, exclusive of such sawmills, planing mills, shingle mills and wood-processing plants as are in the opinion of the commission reasonably continuous in their operations.

Mr. GREEN: I take it that the amendment to paragraph (c) which was moved by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni is the one before the committee, and not the amendment which has just been referred to by the minister.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): The amendment which I have mentioned is automatically before this committee. It is the bill as amended by the special committee which is before the committee of the whole.

Mr. STIRLING: This is an amendment to the amendment.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): The amendment moved by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni is the amendment before the committee.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): And is an amendment to the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN: Part II of the first schedule was amended by the special select committee by striking out paragraph (c) in part II and substituting what the minister has just read. Paragraph (c) therefore reads at present as follows:

(c) Employment in lumbering and logging, exclusive of such sawmills, planing mills, shingle mills and wood-processing plants as are, in the opinion of the commission, reasonably continuous in their operations.

To which the hon. member for Comox-Alberni now moves:

That paragraph (c), as adopted by the committee be struck out and the following substituted in lieu thereof, as paragraph (c):

"Employment in lumbering and logging which are not reasonably continuous in their operations."

The effect of this amendment would be to add as employments covered by the bill (excluded from the excepted employments), employments in lumbering and logging which are reasonably continuous in their operations. Would remain excepted, to use the word of the bill, only such employments in lumbering and logging as are not reasonably continuous in their operations.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I think that is right.

The CHAIRMAN: The effect of the amendment is, therefore, to add classes of employees or classes of employments; in other words, in my opinion, to add charges on the public in excess of those covered by the bill submitted to this committee.

Mr. NEILL: Will you allow me, before you give your ruling—

The CHAIRMAN: Before I give a ruling I should like to hear hon. members who desire to speak.

Mr. NEILL: By a strong adherence to technicalities, possibly the suggestion made by the chairman of the committee may be in order; but I recall, and we can all remember, that, not once or twice but three or four times in this chamber in the last few days, we have been assured under the word of the minister in charge of this bill that we would be allowed to make an amendment of this kind. It was by that means he got the resolution and bill through.

Mr. McLARTY: I do not want to interrupt the hon. member for Comox-Alberni, but I never heard it suggested that the hon. member even proposed to make an amendment until he spoke about it in the house this afternoon. As far as my suggesting the right to make an amendment, I have no such power, and as I say, I had no idea until the hon.