

9 of the bill, regarding the site, the possible selection of the location, which would bring about a more orderly discussion of this bill?

Mr. Lessard (St. Henry): I do not believe my question had anything to do with your remarks, Mr. Chairman, because I was simply asking the minister how many sites the corporation was considering, as possible locations for the world exhibition.

The Deputy Chairman: I understood the meaning of the hon. member's question, that is why I wanted to suggest that he delay it, if possible, until clause 9 of the bill is called.

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Chairman, I have just one question to ask the Associate Minister of National Defence. I believe that while giving the list of the acting directors he named Mr. Bannerman. But there is a rumour that Mr. Bannerman will be the next commissioner. Has the minister any comment to make on that?

Mr. Sevigny: Mr. Chairman, numerous rumours are circulated when a project of such importance is mentioned. The one concerning Mr. Bannerman is one of those rumours about a project like the world exhibition.

(Text):

Mr. Rock: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the minister whether the commissioner general will be bilingual.

Mr. Sevigny: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Pickersgill: I would like to ask the minister a question too. Could he say whether either the commissioner or the deputy commissioner will be a woman, because surely there should be at least one woman in the land of men.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pickersgill: That is a serious question.

Mr. Sevigny: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member knows me well enough to know that I will not exclude women.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7, inclusive, agreed to.

On clause 8—*Employment of officers and servants.*

(Translation):

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Chairman, clause 8 is of a rather urgent importance for a great number of us, because since mention was

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made of this corporation to be set up, many of us have received applications for jobs. So, I am wondering—

Mr. Gregoire: No patronage.

Mr. Chevrier: —I am wondering what senior official will look after those applications. Will they have to be directed to Mr. Bannerman, who has acquired a lot of experience in that field in connection with previous fairs, to the corporation secretary, or to the civil service commission.

Mr. Gregoire: No patronage.

Mr. Sevigny: Mr. Chairman, in reply to that question, I must say that we have all received, of course, quite a number of requests from persons interested in the study of that question. For my part, I gave them all the same answer, that is, their applications and their names would be submitted to the members of this crown corporation which will be set up to administer the world fair.

And here is how the fair will more or less operate.

First, the general commissioner will be the big boss of the organization, skilfully assisted, no doubt, by the deputy general commissioner.

Twelve directors will be selected as provided by the bill.

Under that directing body, there will be an executive council headed by a general manager who, of course, will have all the qualifications required of a general manager, that is, those required to administer the operations of larger corporations.

The directing body will be divided into branches. For instance, there will be a legal branch. There will be town planning, architectural, external relations and internal relations branches. There will be also an arts and sports branch, because sports will play a very great part in that undertaking. There will be also scientific branches.

So the chiefs of all those branches, of all those sections, if you like, will report to the general manager, and will find a system which will permit the selection of the most competent people to serve on the corporation.

The Deputy Chairman: Is clause 8 agreed to?

Mr. Loiselle: Mr. Chairman, could the minister tell me in what part of Montreal the headquarters will be located?

Mr. Sevigny: I wish I knew it, Mr. Chairman.