

Mr. MACDONNELL: If he refuses I will be content.

Mr. JUTRAS: I do not think it is a matter that should be left with the minister.

The CHAIRMAN: We cannot force him to answer a question but we can tell him that a member has raised such a point.

Mr. FLEMING: May I ask Mr. Sellar this question on the point, please?

May I ask Mr. Sellar on this point if he has had occasion at any time to report that any of the crown corporations have exceeded their corporate powers or proper functions?

Mr. SELLAR: Let me narrow that question down so when I am thinking I do not have to cover too much territory. You are referring to companies created under The Companies Act?

Mr. FLEMING: Not necessarily, I am speaking of crown corporations.

Mr. SELLAR: In my present report which is before the committee, I am raising the point that the Federal District Commission charged certain expenses which I considered as being beyond the authority given them by the Act—if that is what you mean?

Mr. FLEMING: Well, I am thinking more particularly of the question of powers. That would be one phase: expending money for some unauthorized purpose. Is there any other type of situation you have encountered which has involved an excess on the part of a crown corporation of its proper corporate powers and its functions?

Mr. SELLAR: I have been consulted twice as to whether they had the power to do certain things.

Mr. FLEMING: Were they in excess of the powers of the corporation?

Mr. SELLAR: Well, they did involve the application of ancillary powers in section 14 in the Act.

Mr. WRIGHT: There is another point I want to raise with regard to Mr. Sinclair's statement that the powers of these various corporations are set out in their Acts of incorporation and that they do come before parliament. I see at least one corporation here that I do not think was ever set up in that way, the Canadian Sugar Stabilization Corporation, which I think was set up by Order in Council under the War Measures Act and therefore its powers would be indicated in the Order in Council which while it was tabled in parliament was never discussed in parliament.

The CHAIRMAN: The purpose of this committee at the moment is to study bill number 25. I do not see anything wrong in what Mr. Macdonnell has just stated, that he would be satisfied when the minister comes here to ask him questions. I think the minister is a responsible person and if he feels that a matter, in his opinion, does not come within the purview of this Act, then it is up to him so to answer.

Mr. MACDONNELL: The other point that I raised was this: I asked for a list of the directors of the various crown corporations. Am I able to have that?

The CHAIRMAN: Whether you would have that today or not—

Mr. MACDONNELL: I want to discuss that with the minister; about a question of policy.

The CHAIRMAN: That goes much beyond the Act and much beyond Section 83. As far as we are concerned I think it is fair for me to ask that we should not pursue those questions now. When the minister is here—he is a responsible person—if he feels that the information requested is not relevant to bill number 25 he will say so and that will end the matter. Now, shall we go on with the bill, section—