

Mr. ASHBOURNE: Could not this section stand until a later meeting in the week, if we have another bill?

Mr. LESAGE: We are not passing the sections. We are just studying the Act.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not want any misapprehension. It is my hope that by Thursday night we will have cleared the bill and reported it to the House. Now, if you fear and have good ground for fearing that some serious representations will be made by Newfoundland, if you could indicate to the committee what they are, of course we could look them over.

Mr. ASHBOURNE: I would like to say that I do not anticipate any myself but still, on the other hand, we realize that the first reading of this bill was on April 10, and by the time it got down to Newfoundland, with the fog down there and the mail service, naturally there may be some representations which they possibly might like to make to the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Are the employees in Newfoundland treated in any different fashion than the other employees in Canada?

The WITNESS: No sir. Once they come under the Act, they are in the same position.

Mr. ASHBOURNE: I see one section which does not apply to them. Subsection 7 of section 21, and subsection 3 of section 8 do not apply with respect to those Newfoundland employees. I just want to assure the committee that it is mainly on account of the dissatisfaction in Newfoundland, owing to the delay in satisfactorily coming to some conclusions with regard to the pensions of the railway and postal telegraph officials there; and I want to voice this or make this protest so to speak, or express my opinion here with the committee because I have had some correspondence with those people and certainly there have been representations made to the minister.

The CHAIRMAN: How would it be if, when we come to section 21 of the bill, which I hope will be on Thursday morning, that you would then make your representations on section 21 and then in the light of what is said, this committee will decide what should be done.

Mr. ASHBOURNE: That is just what I have been asking for.

The CHAIRMAN: Fine.

Mr. ADAMSON: Let me warn you, Mr. Chairman, that there has just been another bill referred to this committee, one dealing with trade marks.

The CHAIRMAN: I knew that was coming, and I had it in mind. Thank you, Mr. Adamson.

*By Mr. Richard:*

Q. I wonder if you could give some consideration to this case: There was a number of permanent employees, about 24, and in 1929 they were loaned to the British Pension Commission. I understand they remained there for 7 years and that up to now they have been denied the right to contribute for those 7 years, although they were taken back into the service as permanent employees. Of course it is a very real case of hardship. There are not very many left. There are only about 7 or 8. I wonder if in a special case that situation could not be dealt with?—A. Mr. Gullock is not familiar with the case at all.

Q. A number of employees were loaned for a period of years, after 1929, to the British Pensions Commission.

The CHAIRMAN: Where are they now?

Mr. RICHARD: They are now in the service.