

where provision could be made for distribution of these profits. I have not prepared an amendment, but I should like to see some provision made for distribution of profits. This means that the profits which the board makes in any one year are not set aside against losses of the board in the next year or in any other year but go into the consolidated revenue. I regret that there is no provision for distribution of profits by way of participation certificates.

Mr. GARDINER: There would seem to be some doubt as to the relationship of paragraph (c) to the latter part of subsection 3 of section 10, as suggested by the hon. member for Lake Centre. I would ask the committee to allow those two sections to stand and we shall take them up before third reading on Monday.

The CHAIRMAN: Paragraph (c) of section 9 and subsection 3 of section 10 stand.

Section stands.

On section 11—Regulations.

Mr. HAZEN: Is there any reason why these regulations should not be published in the *Canada Gazette* and also be tabled in parliament, if this house is sitting, or within fifteen days after it meets? There should be some way in which the public can be informed of what the regulations are, and I think an additional sentence should be inserted to provide that the regulations be published in the *Canada Gazette* and also tabled in the house.

I should like to call the attention of the minister to bill No. 134, to encourage the provision of intermediate term and short term credit to farmers which was recently passed in this house. It provided that:

No regulation shall be effective until published in the *Canada Gazette* and upon such publication shall be effective and shall have the same force and effect as if it had been enacted in this act.

I should also like to call his attention to Bill No. 88, to establish the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. GARDINER: There is no objection to that provision. We shall let that section stand along with the others.

Section stands.

On section 12—Coming into force of section 9 by proclamation.

Mr. WRIGHT: Why is authority given to the governor in council to discontinue this measure at any time? Most measures that are passed by this house remain in force until

repealed by the house. This measure can be repealed at any time by the governor in council.

Mr. GARDINER: That is really not the meaning of it or the intention of it. It states:

Section 9 of this act shall come into force on a date to be fixed, and remain in force for such period as may be determined, by proclamation of the governor in council published in the *Canada Gazette*.

That is, a decision will be reached at the time that section 9 has been brought into effect whether it is possible to put a definite term in the bill or whether it is decided to put no definite term in it. Once that proclamation is issued there is no authority for the governor in council to discontinue it.

Mr. PERLEY: Could it be set aside by an illegal order in council as Doctor Motherwell suggested the wheat board was?

Section agreed to.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Monday, July 31 1944

The house met at eleven o'clock.

STANDING ORDERS

CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. W. H. GOLDING (Huron-Perth) moved—

That the fourth report of standing committee on standing orders, presented to the house on July 28, be now concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

COMMODITY PRICES STABILIZATION CORPORATION—PROSECUTIONS FOR BRIBERY

Mr. KNOWLES:

1. Have any prosecutions been launched by or on behalf of the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation against any firms or individuals involving charges of bribery or attempted bribery of any employee or employees of the corporation?

2. If so, against what firms or individuals have such prosecutions been launched and what specific charges have been laid?