

On section 15 (now section 10)—Or removed before examination and payment of duties, if any.

Mr. CAHAN: There is the same objection to this section, which I am not going to press. It does not conform to the rules of the house with regard to the preparation and presentation of bills.

Section agreed to.

Sections 16 to 21 inclusive (now sections 11 to 16) agreed to.

On the title.

Mr. CAHAN: I suppose these amendments have been suggested by the officials of the department for the better enforcement of the terms of the statute.

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes, that is correct.

Mr. BENNETT: The amendment with regard to conspiracy, I take it, is a result of the recent cases that have arisen in the maritime provinces, to make it clear what you are enabled to do in the cases that were considered? I was going to ask that as the section was passed.

Mr. ILSLEY: I do not know whether it is entirely due to those cases, but it is a desirable power to have owing to the importance of conspiracy now as an offence.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

PROVISION FOR ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC HARBOURS

The house resumed from Friday, March 27, consideration in committee of Bill No. 17, respecting the national harbours board—Mr. Howe—Mr. Young in the chair.

Section 1 agreed to.

On section 2—Definitions.

Mr. VIEN: As yet we have not the reprint of the bill.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Marine): It has been circulated.

Mr. VIEN: Then will you please wait a moment until I see it?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I move that paragraph (d) be amended by striking out the word "the" in line 14 and inserting after the word "schedule" the word "A." I also move that this section be amended by adding the following paragraph:

(g) "raft" includes any raft, crib, dram or bag boom of logs, lumber or lumber of any kind, and logs, timber or lumber in boom or being towed.

These amendments appear in the bill as it has been reprinted.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. CAHAN: I do not object to the amendment carrying, but I suggest that the clause as amended be held over. There is no Minister of Transport; you cannot pass a bill dealing with the Minister of Transport until you have such an officer, and that office is not created under this bill. Second, when we come to consider the meaning of "corporations." I think it will be found that some clearer definition can be made use of than that which appears in paragraph (d) of clause 2. Therefore I suggest that the clause as amended be held over.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): There were two amendments sent up. The second amendment was not put by the chairman.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Johnston, Lake Centre): The other amendment is, that the said section be amended by adding the following paragraph (g):

"raft" includes any raft, crib, dram or bag boom of logs, lumber or lumber of any kind, and logs, timber or lumber in boom or being towed.

Amendment agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Johnston, Lake Centre): Shall the section as amended carry?

Mr. BENNETT: No, the section should not carry. You cannot carry a section defining something that does not exist.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The section stands.

Section stands.

On section 3, subsection 1—Board constituted.

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Upon this bill the consensus of opinion in the province of Quebec through all the newspapers is that one commission is not enough, even if seven are too many. In Quebec we have great confidence in the Prime Minister. I think we proved that we had confidence, since he was chosen as leader of the Liberal party. We also have great confidence in the new Minister of Marine (Mr. Howe); we think he has great business ability. But in view of that general consensus of opinion I think constructive criticism cannot hurt the bill, and I have the honour to propose an amendment to section 3, reading as follows: