

have, who after all is the one who is responsible to parliament for the administration of the affairs of the corporation. That is a very large question and as you know, Mr. Macdonnell, we have got a variety of these crown corporations. In the case of Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation there are some outside directors and some directors who are, as you know, civil servants. One director of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is really a representative of the Minister of Finance. Then, there is the Bank of Canada. I think its Board of Directors is entirely from outside. But the powers of the executive, such as of the governor and so on are fixed by statute.

I think it is a subject which can quite properly be aired in parliament and as to which the views which any member may have should be expressed there, because that is the forum in which public matter of that kind is brought to the attention of parliament and to the country.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you any further questions you wish to ask the minister while we have him with us?

Mr. WRIGHT: Yes, I have one question I would like to ask. In schedule C there is mentioned the Canadian Sugar Stabilization Corporation. Now, if my memory serves me correctly, that organization was set up under the War Measures Act and by order in council. It was never an Act which was passed by parliament.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT: I think it was incorporated under the Companies Act, Mr. Wright.

Mr. WRIGHT: Yes, but was it not incorporated through an order in council?

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT: No. Its incorporation may have been authorized by an order in council, but I think it was actually incorporated in the regular way under part I of the Dominion Companies Act.

Mr. WRIGHT: Could that procedure still be followed by the crown in setting up a corporation by an order in council through the Companies Act?

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT: Yes.

Mr. WRIGHT: Or was that done under the special powers under the War Measures Act?

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT: No. What is the situation?

Mr. BRYCE: I think that Mr. Balls can answer that.

Mr. BALLS: I think there are at least three statutory authorities at the present time which permit incorporation of crown companies under the Dominion Companies Act, 1934.

Mr. WRIGHT: By order in council?

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT: Not by order in council. They have to be by letters patent under the Companies Act.

Mr. FRASER: Defence Production?

Mr. BALLS: The Defence Production Act includes a clause authorizing the setting up of such companies, but there is also a similar provision in the Research Council Act, and similar authority is also given in the Atomic Energy Control Act.

Mr. GIBSON: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Clark suggested yesterday that we were probably investing some of our surplus funds from time to time in Canadian government victory bonds and he rather indicated we are buying them below par. It is a moral question whether that is correct or not, but I am no moralist and so I cannot argue on that. Of course, we found it expedient during the war to support the price of those bonds in order to sell the next issues as they came along. I have been wondering if the minister has directed his own initiative or that of his officials to the possibility that we might help out the