

employment in business directly or indirectly connected with radio or broadcasting, and there is nothing in this act as I read it—though I may have read it too rapidly—which prohibits the members of the commission from carrying on business in some line other than radio. I would suggest to the Prime Minister that perhaps some provision of that kind might be included, and I would suggest also that we make provision for the retirement on pension of these commissioners at the end of ten years. I think the Prime Minister knows, as every member of the house knows, the difficulty of obtaining the services of suitable men when they must retire from participation in ordinary business affairs to accept a position which will guarantee them employment for only ten years. If they have devoted their whole time to their work, at the end of the ten year period they probably will not be fitted to take part in any other business, and their future will be by no means secure. So I would suggest first that they be not permitted to carry on any other business, and in the second place that some provision be made for a retiring allowance or pension.

Mr. BENNETT: I am bound to say that the suggestion of the hon. member for Quebec South was in my mind, but in the beginning of this venture I hesitated to provide for retiring allowance. If it is the sense of the committee that such should be done, however, I shall be very glad to amend this section accordingly and make provision for payment by these commissioners into the superannuation fund, if it is thought desirable, as I think it is, to provide for the acquisition of an annuity in that way, and the salary might be based upon that assumption. I think it is unwise in a case of this kind to provide for a retiring allowance unless payments are made by way of contributions to the superannuation fund. I merely suggest that for the moment, and if the section stands, as it will, I will move that the committee rise, but I shall be very glad to hear further expressions of opinion on the matter. I might add that I thought it was clearly stated that the commissioners should not engage in any other business or occupation. That is not so, and that will be amended. My own view is that a salary of less than \$12,000 for the chairman of the commission would not be adequate.

Mr. LAPOINTE: That is the salary paid the chief of the railway board, is it not?

Mr. BENNETT: I cannot say with certainty, but that amount was in my mind.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): That is the salary of the chairman of the grain commission.

Mr. BENNETT: In order not to delay the business of the house, hon. members might be good enough to give some little attention to that question between now and the time when the bill is again considered in committee. As I say, I had in mind the sum of \$12,000 for the chairman and perhaps \$10,000 for the other members of the commission, with provision for a retiring allowance which they would purchase by payments into the superannuation fund. It was also my opinion that they should not engage in any other business or occupation, but in these matters I am entirely in the hands of the committee. The government has no policy in this regard, but we felt that the unanimous report of a select committee should be treated in the sense in which it was made, and we leave these matters entirely to this committee. Therefore I will ask that this section stand, and in order that these questions may be considered I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. DUFF: If the commissioners are appointed during the fiscal year 1932-33 will they, in the words of the Minister of Finance, be expected to make a contribution of ten per cent of their salaries to the consolidated revenue fund?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes.

Mr. MARCIL: I must congratulate the committee on the splendid work they have done, and I am glad that such general agreement with this measure has been expressed from every side of the house. There has been one question put to me, and I am bringing up the matter to enable the Prime Minister to make a declaration on this point. We have a large French population outside of Quebec in the eastern part of Ontario, in New Brunswick, in Nova Scotia and even in Prince Edward Island. Radio broadcasting in French is carried on during certain hours of certain days of the week in these different localities, and I would like the Prime Minister to state whether this broadcasting would be continued under the new arrangement.

Mr. BENNETT: I think that is covered, Mr. Chairman, by sections 6 and 9 of the bill. I think an adequate safeguard is provided to ensure the continuance of the programs to which the hon. gentleman has referred, and which at times I have heard.