

On section 43—Annual report by commission.

Mr. BENNETT: I think section 42 sufficiently meets the difficulty raised this afternoon by the hon. member for Vancouver Centre. If it does not we shall be glad to make it conform to what the committee thinks desirable, but it provides for the regulations being printed and then laid on the table of parliament.

Section agreed to.

On section 44—Reports transmitted through the minister to the governor in council.

Mr. BENNETT: That answers the question the right hon. gentleman asked some days ago as to the report being laid before parliament.

Section agreed to.

Section 45 agreed to.

On section 46—Repeal.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Why the optional word "may" in this section?

Mr. BENNETT: That is the term always used with respect to a proclamation by the governor in council.

Section agreed to.

Section 47 (as printed; now section 46) agreed to.

On section 48 (as printed; now section 47)—Act to become operative.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Chairman, this is the last section. I have an amendment I should like to suggest to this section, but I think it would be preferable to carry the few sections that have been allowed to stand before dealing with section 48, unless my right hon. friend feels differently. Three or four sections have been held over; perhaps it would be better if they could be dealt with before we take up the last section.

Mr. BENNETT: Then the last section will stand until we have dealt with the other sections that are standing.

Section stands.

On schedule 1—Part I.

Mr. BENNETT: Are there any questions arising out of the schedules? I think they have been discussed during the progress of the general discussion.

Mr. HEAPS: There is one question I should like the Prime Minister to answer if he can.

On more than one occasion he has stated in this house that approximately 1,700,000 people would come under the provisions of the act.

Mr. BENNETT: That is the estimate.

Mr. HEAPS: This evening the Prime Minister stated on several occasions that approximately two million persons would be affected by the health insurance proposals. I should like to know if the Prime Minister has more definite information that he can give the committee as to the number of persons employed in industry who will qualify and become insurable under the provisions of the present statute.

Mr. BENNETT: I have already given the information based upon the census, and the computations of the actuaries are based upon the census. In the curves of their computations the actuaries have made allowance for the number of wage earners now employed and that have been employed in Canada.

The hon. member for Gloucester asked me to obtain from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics information as to the number of wage earners in 1932, 1933 and 1934. The figures supplied to me are as follows:

1932..	2,476,724
1933..	2,452,976
1934..	2,578,204

The average number not working some time, as far as ascertainable, was:

1932..	664,859
1933..	710,190
1934..	575,371

The average number with no job, according to the department's figures, was as follows:

1932..	571,759
1933..	610,763
1934..	502,819

The other day, reading from the report made by Mr. Cudmore, I gave the house the figure of 400,000. That date was as of December 1, 1934, while the average number without jobs is as of June 1 for the years in question, so the figure on June 1 was 502,819 and on December 1 the estimate of the department, on the information before it, was 400,000. That is the information supplied.

Mr. VENIOT: Would the Prime Minister give the figures in regard to the number of workers?

Mr. BENNETT: The hon. gentleman also asked me to obtain the number of workers affected by the bill. Those are given me as follows:

1932..	1,733,707
1933..	1,717,083
1934..	1,804,743