

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member must put his question.

Mr. Nickle: I will come to the question then, sir. This woman was ordered deported after 24 hours in Canada, despite the fact that the Vancouver health authorities examined her—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Nickle: —and gave a written report that an arrested area of tuberculosis gave no grounds for deportation. The question, sir, is this. On what grounds was she deported, and will her case be re-examined by the minister to ensure that no grave injustice may be done to this woman?

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): The hon. member for Calgary South was kind enough to telephone my office a few moments before we came into the house, and I have had an opportunity of getting a brief report from the department, as well as reading the newspaper clipping he sent me.

The facts are these. This mother did arrive in Vancouver and was deported because of a condition which was variously described as arrested tuberculosis, and by many similar medical terms. But the real facts, which do not appear in the newspaper report which I have read, are these. This lady applied in Australia for immigration to Canada. She was examined there. She was rejected because of her medical condition. She was informed that she ought to abandon her plans for coming to Canada. Despite that, she arrived without further notice on a ship in Vancouver and she was properly then rejected.

However, in view of the fact that her son is married and living in Canada I will have an examination made in the hope that we might have an opportunity to examine her again in Australia after a suitable interval to see if her condition has improved so that she may be admitted.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**INQUIRY AS TO NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED
ON JANUARY 10, 1954**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace): Can the Minister of Labour give us the official figures of the number of unemployed in Canada on January 10, 1954?

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour): Not today. I think those official figures will be released shortly.

[Mr. Nickle.]

Mr. Hamilton: I have a supplementary question. On what grounds does the government differ with the estimates recently made by two labour unions?

Mr. Gregg: I would refer my hon. friend to an attempt at explanation of that which I made in a statement not very long ago. If that is not complete, perhaps there will be an opportunity to discuss the matter at a later date.

CRIMINAL CODE**REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF EXISTING STATUTE**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, January 19, consideration in committee of Bill No. 7, respecting the criminal law—Mr. Garson—Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

On clause 120—*Public mischief*.

The Chairman: When the committee rose after its last sitting we were considering clause 120. Shall the clause carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 121—*Compounding indictable offence*.

Mr. Shaw: Would it be possible for the minister to move a little closer toward the centre of the chamber so that some of us may not feel so removed from him during the discussion? We would like to be closer to him.

Mr. Garson: I have no objection to doing that if you will give me a little time to move my impedimenta.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 122—*Corruptly taking reward for recovery of goods*.

Mr. Knowles: Had we dealt with clause 120 the last time or were we going to let it stand?

The Chairman: Clause 119 stood; 120 and 121 carried and we are now at 122.

Mr. Knowles: When was clause 120 carried, last time or just now?

Mr. Garson: Perhaps I had better put the information I have here on the record so we will know as we go along what sections have been allowed to stand and where we are, at the present time. According to my own records and those of the Clerk Assistant, the following clauses were allowed to stand: 16, 32, 33, 46, 47, 48, 50, 52, 57, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 88, 102, 116 and 119. All of the other clauses have been carried. When the committee opened today we were at clause