

ments or any of their officials, from November 1, 1956 to date, regarding the immigration, reception, care, placement, etc., of Hungarian refugees.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have no objection whatsoever to this motion but I assume it will be understood that the provincial governments concerned will have to be agreeable to production. I know no reason why they should not be.

Motion agreed to.

IMMIGRATION

LANDING OF IMMIGRANTS AT OTHER THAN CANADIAN PORTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. R. Balcom (Halifax): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Is the minister aware that some steamship lines bringing immigrants to this country by-pass Canadian ports and land them in New York, from which point they go directly to other Canadian provinces by rail?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there are no assisted passage warrants issued by my department for any except Canadian seaports or airports. Hungarian refugees who are given free passage are given it only to Canadian seaports or airports. Of course, I dare say it does happen that immigrants who are paying their own way may pay their way on ships to New York and travel by air or rail to Canada afterwards. Naturally there is nothing any government can do about that.

ADMISSION OF CHINESE FEMALES TO MARRY CANADIAN CITIZENS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Is the policy that permits the admission to Canada of females of Chinese nationality for the purpose of marriage to Canadian citizens to be continued?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I think, sir, this was established as an experiment for a certain length of time. So far as I am aware the experiment has worked out quite well, and I think it may well be continued.

AMISH MENNONITES—INQUIRY AS TO ADMISSION TO CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. N. A. Matheson (Queens): Can the minister inform the house whether the Amish Mennonite people are being admitted to Canada as immigrants? If the answer is in the negative, can he say why?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I think it is well known to all hon. members that under our immigration policy no account whatever is taken of the religion of prospective immigrants. Strictly speaking, therefore, the answer to the hon. gentleman's question is that no one is excluded because he is an Amish Mennonite. It does happen that some people who are Amish Mennonites do object to accepting citizenship of a country and to participating in elections and other ordinary democratic procedures. As it has always been laid down that the main purpose of our immigration policy is to add to the citizenship of this country, such a factor is taken into account when it is present in a particular case. It is not because they are Amish Mennonites. The same consideration would apply to any other prospective immigrants about whom there was a really serious ground for believing that they did not intend to become citizens.

HUNGARIAN REFUGEES—PROVISION OF COMFORT ALLOWANCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley): May I inquire of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration when I may expect an answer to my question asked on February 1, and also to the supplementary question I asked on February 7, relative to a telegram from the chairman of the Abbotsford and district citizenship council requesting information as to a comfort allowance for Hungarian refugees in that area?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I answered the telegram and I thought probably the hon. member would be informed of the answer and also that it probably would not be of any great interest to the house. The answer is that all immigration officers receiving Hungarian refugees are authorized, in the case of necessity only, to provide pocket money up to a maximum of \$5 monthly for adults over 16 years of age only. Since pocket money was issued on arrival no additional issue would be made until one month after arrival.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

INQUIRY AS TO FURTHER LEGISLATION AFFECTING PRAIRIE FARMERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggart): May I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister tell the house the subject matter of a further bill affecting prairie farmers to which the Minister of Trade and