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cost will be shared 20 per cent by the county, 40 per cent by the province and 40 per cent by the federal government.

Compensation will be paid on animals certified by federal veterinarians as having died from rabies on or after April 1, 1958. Maximum values for compensation purposes will be \$250 for cattle, \$100 for horses, and \$40 for sheep, swine and goats. The livestock toll recorded from April 1, 1958, to February 28 this year included 1,149 cattle, 48 horses, 122 sheep, 19 hogs and 1 goat.

The indemnification program is not being undertaken as a disease control measure under the provisions of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act. The arrangements will, however, help to offset heavy economic losses, and encourage farmers to report suspected rabies infection. This in turn will aid federal veterinarians in locating disease outbreaks and instituting control measures.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****SIX NATIONS RESERVE—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PRESENT SITUATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** In view of recent press reports I wonder whether the hon. lady, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, could report to the house on the peace negotiations she has been carrying on with the Six Nations Indians.

**Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** I think they were faithfully reported in the press. It is my hope that the matter has now been settled amicably. I cannot make any report with regard to prosecutions that are under way because, as the hon. member knows, they are being handled this morning in Brantford, but it is our expectation that these also will be handled in a manner that will meet with the approval of those concerned. The elected council will be meeting shortly and we will have a report from them, but my understanding of the situation is that all is now quiet on the Six Nations reserve.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the hon. lady on her capacity to make peace, but I was a little disturbed and I think perhaps other hon. members were disturbed by a report that I heard about which I should like to ask the hon. lady, to the effect that she has directed the magistrate's court to give suspended sentences. I am sure the hon. lady would like an opportunity to deny that report.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Mr. Speaker, at no time did I see or hear any such report, and I would never have the temerity at any time

to interfere with the courts. I did agree to suggest to the Minister of Justice that he might care to handle the matter in whatever manner was appropriate within his own department.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Perhaps I should ask the hon. lady if she would not like an opportunity to correct the reports that were broadcast on the C.B.C. this morning.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Mr. Speaker, I have no desire to correct something that I have not seen nor heard.

**FINANCE****REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY BILLS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the announcement yesterday that our government's treasury bills are bearing an all-time high interest rate, namely 4.22 per cent, can the minister explain the reason for the growing spread between interest rates on United States and Canadian treasury bills, and is the government contemplating any action to reduce our bank rediscount rate so as to aid economic recovery and provide employment?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This is a very large order the hon. member is proposing. I do not see how it could possibly be dealt with in a short reply and I suggest that it be reserved for a more appropriate occasion.

**Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, on the point of order you have raised, I would suggest that this question about central bank rediscount rates is an important question and one that should be raised in the house. In addition to that, over a period of many years the Minister of Finance himself very frequently raised this very important question. While it may be true that the phrasing should have been more direct, that is for Your Honour to decide, but with great deference I would submit that the subject matter of the question is very much in order.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am dealing only with the question which was proposed. It was a series of questions, bringing in unemployment as well as interest rates, and I do not see that I could really allow that question to proceed as phrased.

**Mr. Regier:** In that case, Mr. Speaker, may I reword what I am after. I would ask the minister if the government is contemplating