

ing relief, because they have been cut off the lists. What I desire is to get these people back on relief until we find employment for them. Any government that is interested in human welfare would do that.

Mr. McLARTY: The hon. member is quite correct. I thought I made it clear that the figures I was quoting were of those on welfare, not necessarily complete figures of those unemployed. The figure he gave is correct. But I thought that in dealing with Department of Labour statistics I was right in giving the figure I did because the only figures that we in the Department of Labour have are as to those who are on welfare.

Mr. MacINNIS: The point I was trying to make—I do not know if I have made it clear yet—is that those on relief, or, as the minister says, on welfare, are very much different from those who are unemployed. If we cut all our unemployed off relief, and said we would not give any relief, there would be no one on welfare but there would be the same number unemployed.

Mr. McLARTY: But there is no registration of those unemployed. I am giving the registration figures of those receiving direct relief. They are not, of course, all-inclusive figures. I adopt the figures of the bureau of statistics as being correct, but it has no registration. I am giving the registration figures of the Department of Labour only.

Mr. GILLIS: I think the figures the minister has are of some value, and I should like to see them placed on *Hansard*. I do not suggest that we should take time to go over them here to-night, but I should like to have them so that we could study them. At the same time I agree with the hon. member for Vancouver East. For the past year or so, province after province have been broadcasting the statement that unemployment is on the wane, and they quote the figures in regard to relief—"so many have gone off relief." But I know that so far as Nova Scotia is concerned, the ones who have been cut off relief have not gone into employment; they are unemployed; but because the relief rolls have been reduced, the government says that unemployment is on the wane, which is not true.

There is a new phase of unemployment as far as my part of the country is concerned, namely, the question of relief for aliens deprived of their work because they are aliens. There is at present quite a number of them in the coal mining sections of Nova Scotia. About a month ago the matter was taken up with the minister in the house.

[Mr. MacInnis.]

He assured me then that the question had been taken up with the provincial government, that an understanding had been arrived at and that matter would be taken care of in the future. Only to-day I received a telegram from another section advising me that a number of Italians particularly were deprived of their employment through no fault of their own, and were receiving no relief. They asked if I would take the matter up with the minister. I take this opportunity of asking him whether that matter has been taken care of. That telegram came from the secretary of a local union who is responsible and knows what he is talking about. We have had the assurance that the provincial government was taking care of the matter, but until to-day in that section, which is the Dunakin section of Nova Scotia, it has not been taken care of. Could the minister say whether that question has been definitely settled with the Nova Scotia government?

Mr. McLARTY: I am glad to give this information to the hon. member for Cape Breton South. Dependents of interned aliens are looked after by the dominion government. Aliens who are unemployed naturally come under the same class as other unemployed. The primary responsibility for the administration of relief is with the municipality and the province. We make our contribution; in some instances we have perhaps gone further than we were justified in going in connection with making investigations, but primarily, it must be admitted, the responsibility is on the municipality and the provincial government.

The hon. member raised some time ago a question as to whether or not those people are receiving a proper measure of relief. When he did so, I asked that communications be sent to the province to ascertain if they are so receiving relief. In each case I have received a confirmation that they are being properly looked after. I think that is as far as the Minister of Labour of Canada, who is not responsible for administration, could be asked to go. I have carried out the suggestions made by the hon. member to endeavour to ascertain if proper provision is being made. I can go no further.

Mr. GILLIS: I am quite satisfied that the minister has done what he could, but I think he is not receiving from that end of the country the cooperation that he should receive on that question.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I wish to associate myself with what the hon. member for Vancouver East has said. I do not wish to delay the passage of the items, but I should like