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concern, and I have on occasions expressed similar concern with regard to the general situation.

But I must say that the officials of the department are aware of the importance of not letting into Canada those who will take employment that should otherwise be available to Canadians, and are watchful to see that this is not done.

I cannot, of course, assert positively that there has not been any case in which someone has slipped past them. I can only say that in order to be certain of the situation it is essential that we should have any specific complaint drawn to our attention by name and location in order that we may deal with it. Without such information it is impossible to do anything more than give the general assurance that I now give.

Mr. Herridge: I will get that information from the persons who complained.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**NOVA SCOTIA—INQUIRY AS TO CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. A. M. Kirk (Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has any agreement yet been signed by the province of Nova Scotia under the terms of the Unemployment Assistance Act?

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Frankly, Mr. Speaker, at the moment I cannot say. I will have to take the question as notice. I know Nova Scotia has indicated its desire to sign an agreement, but whether it has actually been signed I cannot as yet say.

[Later:]

Mr. Monteith: Mr. Speaker, I am now in a position to answer more directly the question asked by the hon. member for Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare a few moments ago as to the signing of an agreement with Nova Scotia. Such has not been done.

PIPE LINES**TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES—UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF WAGE RATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Is the minister in a position to announce any upward adjustment of wage rates on the trans-Canada pipe line project? If not, is such an adjustment under consideration?

[Mr. Fulton.]

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position as yet to announce any adjustment but I hope to be in that position tomorrow, and I will convey that information to the hon. member.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON NEW ROLE OF CANADIAN INFANTRY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. J. Henderson (Kingston): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In his absence perhaps the parliamentary assistant will take notice of the question. Since it is reported that the role of the infantryman in the Canadian services is to be reassessed, possibly Monday, I wonder whether before the end of the session the minister will make a statement on the new role of the Canadian infantry in the Canadian services?

Mr. M. J. A. Lambert (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence): Yes, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the minister I will take the question as notice.

IMMIGRATION**C. G. HANNA—INQUIRY AS TO PRESENT STATUS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration whether he is now in a position to answer the question I asked him about Christian George Hanna immediately after the Christmas recess?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, a decision has been made to extend the permit for a period of six months.

Mr. Pickersgill: From what date?

Mr. Fulton: From the date on which it was to expire, which was January 16. I might say, Mr. Speaker, that this has been done with a view to extending to this man the opportunity to establish whether or not he will become, or is potentially, a good Canadian for the future.

Mr. Pickersgill: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I should refresh the hon. gentleman's memory by saying that what I asked was whether there was any truth in the story that was published by