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on for use by drug addicts, and whether this would necessitate any remedial action if this is so?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): My attention has not been directed to that particular news report, but on the basis of what the hon. member says, this is something we should certainly study. I will see that the report is drawn to the attention of the officials of the R.C.M.P., and if there is anything further to report to this house, I will do so.

IMMIGRATION**ST. THOMAS, ONT.—EMPLOYMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS WITHOUT VISAS OR PASSPORTS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday the hon. member for Assiniboia made inquiries with respect to five employees of the Allis Chalmers company in the plant at St. Thomas. The report has been investigated. These men were certainly there, five of them, but they were working on the dismantling of machinery and were in no way connected with production. I might say further that apparently they entered Canada on February 18. Two of them left on February 20 and a third left on February 24, the same day the hon. member put his question. None of them are now in the plant at St. Thomas, and this has been the situation for two or three days.

LIVESTOCK**RABIES—JOINT COMPENSATION FOR ANIMALS DESTROYED**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In the light of a statement by Dr. C. D. Graham, deputy minister of agriculture in the Ontario government, as reported in the *Toronto Daily Star*, in which he suggested that the provincial and federal governments sponsor a joint program to provide compensation for animals lost through rabies, would the minister care to tell the house what position he has taken on this matter?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I made clear our position in this regard some ten days ago, I believe, in response to a question asked by the hon. member for Grey-Bruce when the supplementary estimates were being considered. At that time I said we would be prepared to consider very seriously any proposition advanced by the provinces for a sharing of the cost of compensation for

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animals lost through rabies on the part of the municipalities, the provinces and the dominion government.

TRADE**COMMUNIST CHINA—STATEMENT AS TO ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Assiniboia asked me to comment on a report in the *Toronto Telegram* attributed to an official of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited to the effect that China is interested in increasing trade with Canada.

I have now had an opportunity to review the newspaper article to which the hon. member referred, and I can confirm that the commercial products division of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited recently concluded a sale of two cobalt 60 beam therapy units for cancer treatment to the China National Import-Export Company. The transaction is worth some \$100,000.

This cancer therapy equipment falls, of course, within the area of permissible trade with China, and I understand that the Chinese authorities are well satisfied with Atomic Energy's beam therapy unit. The corporation and our trade commissioner in Hong Kong, who is responsible for the promotion of our trading interests with China, are endeavouring to develop repeat sales.

The hon. member also asked me if I was in a position to say what further steps are being taken to increase our trade with China. Our trade commissioner in Hong Kong informs us that an increasing number of Canadian exporters are visiting China for consultations with representatives of these trading corporations. The trade commissioner is facilitating these contacts by providing introductions and guidance to our businessmen. I am hopeful that our trade with China can develop along sound lines now that these useful working relationships have been set up by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his comprehensive answer. I wish now to ask him a supplementary question, and if the minister does not have the information at hand perhaps he could give it to me at a later time. Can the minister say whether China has accepted the offer of the Canadian wheat board to send to China experts to train the Chinese in how to use Canada's excellent high protein wheat as a mix with their own?