

Inquiries of the Ministry

with another question, namely, the question of the discretion which he says his officials exercised with regard to deserters from the United States army. I understand nothing in the act or regulations covers this question and I should appreciate it if the minister could make a statement.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it the policy and practice with respect to military deserters has been in effect for some time and has been applied in the same way as I stated some days ago. Last July a directive was issued to immigration officers which established some guidelines with respect to the exercise of that policy. I must also advise the house that quite some considerable time ago I asked my department to review the whole policy with respect to draft resisters and military deserters seeking entrance to Canada either overseas or at border points, and with respect to deserters already in Canada who seek admission as immigrants. That review is nearing completion and then this whole matter will be considered carefully. It is a very complicated and difficult matter and undoubtedly has attracted a great deal of interest because of its complexity.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Because of the government's laxity.

AGRICULTURE

P.E.I.—PHASING OUT OF EXPERIMENTAL FUR FARM

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, a week ago I asked the Minister of Agriculture to reply to a question. He said he would take it as notice. Can he reply to that question today?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I think I have a further reply in my book; it is very brief. It indicates that part of the fur farm research project will be transferred from Charlottetown to the new Greenbelt farm on the outskirts of Ottawa. There is no thought in the department of suspending or doing away with this research. Rather, it is a matter of transferring the operation to a different station where it will be possible for notes to be compared—if that is the right word—by scientists of other disciplines.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Although the minister referred to Charlottetown, I wonder

if he did not mean the fur farm project in Summerside?

Mr. Olson: Yes, that is right.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): In view of the severe unemployment existing in the area from which the fur farm is to be transferred, will arrangements be made to find alternative employment for employees presently working on the fur farm?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I understand that only four people are employed on this research station at the present time and I understand they all have been offered alternative employment.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister indicate to what use the extensive facilities on the farm will be put, after the farm is transferred?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest the question as asked could be placed on the order paper or, if the hon. member so wishes, it could be debated at the time of adjournment.

EDUCATION

VIOLENCE AT SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY—STUDY OF CAUSES

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister relevant to questions posed to the Acting Prime Minister and the Solicitor General yesterday, in the hope that an answer or decision will be forthcoming. In view of the large federal contribution to university education, is it the government's intention to conduct an inquiry into the causes of destruction and unrest on campus, such as was witnessed at Sir George Williams University the other day?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not think this is a subject under federal jurisdiction. This matter concerns the administration of justice.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): May I rise on a point of order with your permission sir? I tried to point out that I feel this is in order. My point is—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member should indicate to the Chair what the point of order is. I hope he will not engage in a debate with the