

Wheat Acreage Reduction

time. That is why I was not in my seat to speak about these matters when the hon. member for Témiscouata spoke.

Hon. C. G. POWER (Minister of National Defence for Air): With respect to a question raised about something which may have occurred in Brantford, may I point out that there is a service flying school there. It may be that the air force is involved, and I shall make inquiries.

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE TO ACTIVE ARMY AT
BRANTFORD TRAINING CENTRE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. R. MACDONALD (Brantford City): Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak to a question of privilege. In view of the fact that the training centre at Brantford has been brought to the attention of the house, I feel it my duty to point out to hon. members the fact that last week there appeared in the Brantford *Expositor* a statement to the effect that one entire platoon in the camp had gone active. I am happy to read in this morning's *Globe and Mail* that a second platoon has also gone active. I believe this reflects great credit not only upon the commanding officer, but also upon the other officers, non-commissioned officers and men, for the splendid spirit which resulted in this action.

JAPANESE NATIONALS

EVACUATION FROM PROTECTED AREAS—BRITISH
COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask the Minister of Justice if he has a reply to the question I put yesterday.

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): Yesterday the leader of the opposition asked who was to support the Japanese population now being removed from protected areas. The British Columbia security commission is empowered to prepare plans dealing with all the details of evacuation and care of that population. Pending the receipt of the plan there is no information I can give my hon. friend.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): It has been pointed out that many of these Japanese nationals are quite capable of supporting themselves, and that they have assets in this country.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The security commission has working with it an advisory committee of twenty prominent persons residing in British Columbia, and I have no doubt they will have complete information on the whole problem.

[Mr. Ralston.]

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): They have full jurisdiction?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: They are required to prepare a plan for submission to the minister, and when the plan is approved they will have full jurisdiction to carry it out.

WHEAT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE ACREAGE REDUCTION AND
CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO FARMERS

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure respecting wheat acreage reduction, to provide for the payment of certain sums to farmers in connection therewith, and for the administration of the act.

He said: Before you leave the chair, Mr. Speaker, I should like to explain that a suggestion has been made to me that this resolution, another resolution introduced by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and a bill on prairie farm assistance, which I shall introduce tomorrow, should all be advanced to the same stage before a general discussion takes place. This suggestion is made because there is some association among these measures. It is suggested that that should be the stage at which the bills are in the hands of hon. members.

I have discussed the matter with the three groups opposite, and I understand that the suggestion will meet with the approval of hon. members in those groups. If so I should like now to have this resolution advance to the stage where it will be possible to introduce the bill to be based upon it.

Mr. E. E. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): A few days ago I made the suggestion to the Minister of Agriculture that since this matter was being handled this session by way of bills rather than by orders in council, it would be satisfactory if we could see the bills before any discussion took place. These matters are interwoven, and all the measures would have reference to practically the same thing, namely the producing and marketing of wheat. I believe we could not segregate the two questions.

This is now March 5, and seeding will commence in western Canada in about a month. The farmers out there want to know what they are going to be asked to do with respect to reducing their wheat acreage, and also they wish information as to prices. If these bills were to go through in the ordinary way, and discussion were to take place on each before going to committee, any one of them might be delayed for three weeks or so. Therefore in order to facilitate the passage of these measures