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COMMONS DEBATES

IMMIGRATION

SHOWING IN U.K. OF MISLEADING FILM ON CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration whether he will investigate reports that a Canadian immigration department film, currently being shown to capacity audiences of prospective immigrants in the United Kingdom, presents a somewhat technicoloured picture of life in Canada which is misleading and which may lead to discontentment on the part of the immigrants when they arrive in this country.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the matter raised by the hon. member will be taken under consideration by the minister. If the hon. member wishes, he might place his question on the order paper.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

AMHERST. N.S.—LAY-OFFS AT ENAMEL AND HEATING PLANT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. Has the minister received a telegram from the president of the union at Enamel and Heating Products Limited of Amherst with regard to impending lay-offs through a reduced work load, with a request for action from his department to prevent these lay-offs? What action does he plan to take?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I have not received any telegram.

Mr. Coates: I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Industry. I understand that telegrams have gone forward to officials of the government regarding the pending lay-off. I wonder whether he will make a check in this regard and indicate what his department anticipates it might do to alleviate this pending situation.

Mr. Drury: Mr. Chairman, as I said before I do not have a telegram, but I will check to see whether any has been received. I do know that for some time in the past efforts have been made to maintain a sufficient work load at Enamel and Heating to enable them to continue to compete for U.S. contracts. We are continuing to do as much as possible to maintain this business, and enable the company to engage in export trade.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

GEORGES LEMAY—REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION FROM U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice I shall put my question to the Prime Minister.

It is reported that the acting sheriff of Dade county, Miami, implied yesterday that the Canadian government had failed to apply for the extradition of Georges Lemay when he was arrested by the U.S. police. Did the government make such a request?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question is not so urgent that the member could not put it on the order paper.

Mr. Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, he is Canada's most wanted criminal and he was found by means of "Early Bird". The Canadian people must know what action was taken by the government and the Minister of Justice, when Georges Lemay was found, to have him extradited to Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The member will know in due time.

[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

NON-OPERATING RAILWAY UNIONS-THREATENED STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. I believe it is very urgent and is one I have asked several times in recent weeks. In view of the growing threat of a rail strike and the crisis this would precipitate in national transportation and communications, is the government planning any action to avert such a crisis, and has any plan been made to provide emergency services should this breakdown take place?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, as was made clear, I believe, in the house by an announcement some time ago, two conciliation boards have been set up to deal with the matters in dispute. They are to be chaired by a very able gentleman who is the unanimous choice of both the railways and the unions concerned. The first sitting of the conciliation board is to commence on May 31. The situation is serious, but perhaps