

Inquiries of the Ministry

Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Is the minister now prepared to answer my question of January 4 as to the countries of origin of the 2,400 immigrants scheduled to arrive at Halifax during the present month, and also if employment has been assured for all those who are not sponsored by relatives?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as for the second part of the hon. gentleman's question, I think the answer was given the day it was asked.

As to the first part, I undertook to ascertain just as soon as possible what were the countries of origin, but I am under the impression that that will not be possible until the ships land and the loading lists or passenger lists are available to us; at least, it would not be possible without a great deal of work to be done in advance of the actual landing. The hon. gentleman will appreciate that this was a press statement, not issued by the department; and the figure of 2,400 itself is one that I would not care to confirm at this time.

**REPORTED SEEKING OF LAND IN RUSSIA BY
SONS OF FREEDOM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. C. Christian (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration or the Minister of Finance, whoever prefers to answer it, notice having been given to both. Is the government aware that four Doukhobor leaders left by air for Moscow last Saturday to seek land in the Soviet union for their sons of freedom sect? If so, would the government be prepared to assist them financially to leave the country when a suitable site is obtained?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I thank the hon. gentleman for giving me notice of his question, but the first part seems to be related to the department of my colleague the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the second to the department of my colleague the Minister of Finance. The Secretary of State for External Affairs has undertaken to answer.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker—

Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will take the question on the first bounce.

Is the government aware that four Doukhobor leaders left by air for Moscow last Saturday to seek land in the Soviet union for their sons of freedom sect?

[Mr. Robichaud.]

I can answer that all we know we have gleaned from newspaper reports. We have no more information than that. The hon. member then asked:

If so, would the government be prepared to assist them financially to leave the country when a suitable site is obtained?

I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that that matter has not arisen.

Mr. Herridge: A supplementary question—

Mr. Johnston (Bow River): A supplementary question—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Is the hon. member for Bow River also asking a supplementary question?

Mr. Johnston (Bow River): My supplementary question is a little bit ahead of that of the hon. member for Kootenay West. I wanted to ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member for Bow River will defer his question until we have dealt with the subject now before the house I will recognize the hon. member for Kootenay West now and the hon. member for Bow River immediately afterward.

Mr. Herridge: I want to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a supplementary question. Does he realize that the question asked by the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary was incorrectly stated? They are not Doukhobors; they are sons of freedom who are asking permission to leave the country.

Mr. Smith (Hastings - Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I accept that observation.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

**HALL OF FAME MUSEUM, KINGSTON—INQUIRY
AS TO DEEDING OF LAND**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. J. Henderson (Kingston): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Defence. In his absence may I give notice to the Acting Minister of National Defence. In view of the urgency to build the international hockey hall of fame museum in Kingston, where hockey was first played, will the minister consider an arrangement between the Department of National Defence and the international hockey hall of fame committee whereby a tract of land owned by the Department of National Defence in the old Fort Henry area at Kingston may be made available for the construction of a hockey hall of fame museum?