Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): As indicated previously, the various parts of Bill C-244 are all related and the \$100 million will be paid out to farmers as soon as that bill, with all its provisions, including the provision for the repeal of the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act, becomes law.

AGRICULTURE

SALE OF FERTILIZER BY IMPERIAL OIL AT LOWER PRICE IN UNITED STATES THAN IN CANADA

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Has his department investigated the reasons a plant owned by the Imperial Oil Company, which has received a \$10 million grant under the government's incentive program, is selling fertilizer in Plentywood, Montana, at \$86 a ton while selling it in Canada at \$106 a ton? If not, will the hon. gentleman undertake to have such an investigation carried out?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): If the hon. member will give us some evidence of this, I will be glad to look into the matter.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

EFFECT OF FIRE AT MOOSONEE ON BASE

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence whether any damage has been done to the air base at Moosonee by the recent fire? Would the minister also tell us in what way troops have been deployed and used to protect the municipality?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): As I understand it there has been no actual damage, at least up the present time, to any of the facilities at Moosonee. The principal participation of the Department of National Defence there has been to fly in a bulldozer from Petawawa and firefighting equipment from North Bay to assist the local authorities to extinguish the fire.

Mr. Peters: May I ask whether the fire is now contained? If not, is there an imminent danger to the base at Moosonee?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): The last report I received was that the fire appears to be under control. We have been watching the situation very closely because of the proximity of the fire to the radar base.

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IMMIGRATION APPEAL BOARD ACT

INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENTS TO COPE WITH BACKLOG OF APPEALS

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Since there are now some 6,000 appeals pending before the Immigration Appeal Board, does the minister intend to bring in the promised amendments to the Immigration Appeal Board Act before the end of this session, or must we expect to see this continuing sore get bigger over the rest of the year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In view of the heavy legislative load before the House I have some doubt about our ability to deal with this matter before we adjourn, as things stand at the moment.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will allow a supplementary, but I invite hon. members to be as conservative as possible in regard to supplementaries because we will soon be running short of time.

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, it is rather difficult for me to comply with your request but I shall attempt to do so. My supplementary is to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Would the minister introduce the legislation prior to the adjournment so that we may study it during the summer?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I think we might give consideration to that. The alternative, of course, is to hold it in order to make any last minute improvements to it; but I will certainly give the matter consideration.

AIR CANADA

BROCHURE INDICATING THAT CANADA EXTENDS ONLY FROM QUEBEC TO VANCOUVER

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question that I should have liked to direct to the Minister of Transport but in his absence I will direct it to his parliamentary secretary. Would he investigate a copy of a brochure produced by Air Canada, and appearing on the front page of at least one Canadian newspaper today, which indicates in no uncertain terms that Canada begins with French-speaking Quebec in the east and ends at Vancouver in the west? As a matter of fact, I am getting a little fed up with this.

INCOME TAX

REPORTED PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR REFORM BILL

Mr. Murray McBride (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of reports that the Department of Finance will launch a \$1 million publicity campaign in support of the new tax reform bill, may I ask the Prime Minister whether the government plans to undertake such a public relations campaign?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is no intention to have a public relations cam-