

are not established in the country and who for the time being are on city or municipal relief. Therefore in order to ascertain the facts in each case a letter was written, and these are the letters handed to me by the hon. member for South Battleford. One of these citizens of Jugoslavia arrived in July of 1927 and, according to the reports in the possession of the department, he is now on city relief. The grant of a naturalization certificate has been held in abeyance until we receive evidence that he is permanently established in the country. The second arrived in July, 1929, and the facts before us establish that he has been on city relief since December, 1930. The third arrived in Canada in March, 1927, and the facts as represented to us are that he has been on relief since July, 1931.

Under those circumstances I think it was perfectly proper for the officials while holding these applications in abeyance, though not refusing them, to write the applicants to ascertain whether since the date of the applications, when they were on relief, they have been able to establish themselves permanently so as to maintain themselves in this country. Though I did not know of these particular letters I take full responsibility for the action of the officials of the department in writing them.

FREDERICTON, N.B., WHARF

On the orders of the day:

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Justice): On May 23, during a discussion of the public works bill, the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Veniot) requested information as to what lawyer was retained in regard to the transfer of a wharf at Fredericton, New Brunswick, and I promised to ascertain the name and let him know. I now beg to inform him that Mr. Charles L. Dougherty of Fredericton acted on behalf of the government on that occasion.

BRITISH IMPORTS FROM CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): On May 23, at page 2997 of Hansard, a question of mine with regard to British imports of Canadian products was answered. The first paragraph of the question was:

Were and are there any quotas affecting British imports of Canadian products?

The answer given mentioned only bacon and hams and oats and oat products. May I ask the government if no other Canadian products have been affected by quotas since

1930, and when I ask that question I have particular reference to wheat. My second question is this: Since Mr. McFarland has been ill has Mr. Cutten, formerly of the Chicago grain exchange had anything to do with the wheat or grain business in Canada in any way, shape or form?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): So far as the first question asked by the hon. member for Témiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) is concerned the answer is no; there has been no quota of any kind, shape, form or description suggested with respect to wheat imported into Great Britain.

The answer to the second question is also no. The name of Mr. Cutten, used in the sense in which my hon. friend has just used it, is entirely new to me. I know of no relationship in any shape or form that Mr. Cutten has with the business of the marketing of wheat controlled by the pool, with respect to which the government has an interest. I do not know anything about his private business. Now that the hon. member has mentioned Mr. Cutten's name I think at one time he was a member of the Winnipeg grain exchange. I do not know whether or not he is still a member of that exchange but I do recall having seen his name among the names of the members of the exchange.

INTEREST ACT AMENDMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. G. COOTE (MacLeod): My bill to amend the Interest Act, which was introduced some time ago, has been before the banking committee for a considerable period. I am informed that the chairman of the banking committee is in England, and I wonder if the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes) would be good enough to arrange to have the committee meet and appoint an acting chairman so that this bill and any other business to be dealt with by the committee may be proceeded with in the absence of the chairman.

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): I shall make inquiry. I have been advised that the chairman is on his way back to Canada now, but in any event arrangements will be made for the sittings of the committee.

PENSIONS FOR THE BLIND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. A. HEAPS (North Winnipeg): I should like to ask the chairman of the committee on industrial and international relations when the committee will meet to con-