

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The hon. member is essentially right in his reference to the directions that have been given by the wheat board to the Winnipeg grain exchange. I purpose introducing to-day a bill to advance the price of wheat, and I hope to be able to speak on the bill at the very earliest opportunity the house will give me. As to the second question, regarding the closing of the Winnipeg grain exchange, no such representations have been made that I know of.

MAGNESIUM

DEVELOPMENT OF EAST LAKE AINSLIE, N.S., DOLOMITE DEPOSITS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. E. McGARRY (Inverness-Richmond): May I ask the Minister of Munitions and Supply (Mr. Howe) whether, in view of the importance of magnesium in our war industry, the government has under consideration the advisability of developing the valuable and extensive dolomite deposits at East Lake Ainslie, Inverness-Richmond?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): We have not considered it. We have ample supplies of dolomite located adjacent to hydro power. I might say that the supplies of dolomite in this country greatly exceed the possibilities of manufacturing it into magnesium.

GASOLINE

DEVELOPMENT OF OIL SHALE IN COUNTY OF ALBERT, N.B.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask the Minister of Munitions and Supply if his department or the oil controller have given any consideration to the further development of the oil shales in the county of Albert, New Brunswick, having regard to the gasoline situation?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): I believe I have a report from the oil controller regarding that situation, but it does not seem to favour any such development at the present time.

JAPANESE NATIONALS

REPORTED INFLUX INTO PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): Has any report reached the Minister of Justice concerning an influx of Japanese into the province of Alberta, travelling in their own cars and trucks? If so, will the minister

inform the house to what extent such report is based upon fact? If the report is correct, what measures has the minister taken to deal with the situation?

Hon. L. S. St. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): No such report has reached the department. I inquired of the commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as to whether he had any information at all regarding it and he told me that he had not, but would communicate with his chief officer in that province to see if there is any local information in respect of this matter.

PRIVILEGE—MR. D. G. ROSS

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE TO ACTIVE ARMY AT BRANTFORD TRAINING CENTRE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. G. ROSS (St. Paul's): Yesterday the hon. member for Brantford City (Mr. Macdonald) referred to an article appearing in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* which he said stated that a full platoon stepped up, one hundred per cent, to go active. He neglected to read further from the article, which says—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): This is a question of privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I ask if it is a question of privilege by which the hon. member is directly affected?

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The point is that of the fifty-nine men in the platoon, fifteen were from Toronto, most of them from my own riding.

PLEBISCITE ACT

AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): As a private Liberal member of this hon. house, referring to page 1066 of *Hansard* for yesterday and page 131 of the *Votes and Proceedings* of yesterday, on a question of order may I ask the Secretary of State why, while reading the senate amendments to the plebiscite bill, he omitted to mention the thirteenth amendment, which related to a change in the wording of the French question?

Hon. N. A. McLARTY (Secretary of State): I think those who were in the chamber yesterday will realize that I did not undertake to give an exhaustive reading of all the amendments. There were a limited number of changes in the wording, changes which I was advised were calculated to make clearer