

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Unfortunately, one cannot always avoid certain misunderstandings such as those reported to the house by the hon. member.

[English]

**Mr. Starr:** In view of the fact that not one but quite a number of immigrants have made the same charge in connection with information given them by the immigration officers, does the minister not think an investigation should be undertaken as a basis for directing these officers not to give out false information?

[Translation]

**Mr. Marchand:** Mr. Speaker, continuing investigations are made. We keep in touch daily with our officials and we give them information about Canada.

Our immigration policy is well known. It is impossible to give precise information on a day to day basis to every immigrant, and that has always been the case. Misunderstandings such as those mentioned by the hon. member are unavoidable, but we try to prevent them as much as possible.

[English]

**AIR TRANSPORT****REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF RESTRICTION ON FARM SPRAYING**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia):** I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture and ask him whether, in the interests of western farmers, he will use his influence to permit them to make more effective use of their aircraft for spraying purposes by having an alteration made in the regulation which at present limits them to a 25-mile radius based on their home farms. I refer to air navigation order series VII, section 3(4).

**Mr. Speaker:** This is not a question which could normally be accepted at this time, but in view of the fact that there may be a recess some time soon it might be allowed.

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** This matter does not come specifically under the control of my department but I shall be pleased to take it up with the Minister of Transport, who I think is likely to be particularly sensitive to any requests made of him these days.

[Mr. Marchand.]

**PENITENTIARIES****QUEBEC—INSTRUCTIONS RESPECTING PURCHASE OF FOOD**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General with reference to a query posed by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot on March 15, concerning statements that instructions had been given to the authorities of federal penitentiaries in the province of Quebec not to purchase meat stamped "Quebec Approved." Has the minister any information on this subject?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, following the question by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot I instructed the officials of my department to pursue the matter further with the officials of the Department of Agriculture, and I expect a report very shortly.

**Mr. Keays:** Mr. Speaker, it appears that the Minister of Agriculture may be in a position to answer the question I put to the Solicitor General. Is the minister in a position to answer it?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the question of the relative standards set by the province of Quebec in their meat grading regulations and those set by the federal department is now being considered by our meat grading section, and a report will be given to the Solicitor General in this regard very shortly.

**Mr. Keays:** Then may I ask the minister whether instructions have been issued to the authorities of the federal penitentiaries in Quebec as suggested?

**Mr. Greene:** Well, Mr. Speaker, the general instructions are that in all federal institutions, to the best of my knowledge and certainly in the penitentiary section, it is customary to buy only Canada graded products, so the inmates can be assured that their food is of this high quality. At present we are investigating the relative Canada and Quebec standards in this regard. Generally speaking Canada grade standards are in order as we know they are the best.

**Mr. Keays:** May I ask the minister whether this is a new development in the province of Quebec?