

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

is running the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. What happened to the proposition respecting self-government in the Northwest Territories? Is any announcement to be made about it?

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** It is obvious nobody is running the department today.

**IMMIGRATION****REFUSAL TO ADMIT ALLEGED DRAFT DODGERS**

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, on February 11 I asked the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a question concerning the directions given to immigration officers at the border with respect to United States draft dodgers, and the parliamentary secretary took my question as notice. Is the minister prepared to answer today?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, as I recollect it, the question asked by the hon. member had to do with the impersonation by a number of students at the border. These students appeared at the border with copies of a passport and documents pertaining to one particular person, and posed as military deserters. In accordance with the discretion which may be exercised by immigration officers in these cases, the entry of these persons was refused. It was a hoax, of course. It was not a very meaningful test of regulations, especially as those persons were very eager, at least early in the interview, to volunteer that they were just recently in the American forces.

**Mr. Peters:** The circumstances are, of course, as the minister has outlined them. But my question was: Would there be an investigation into the allegation that the officials apparently had a prearranged method set up to dispose of cases of this kind? There was also the fact that the Canadian officers got in touch directly with the United States officials, something which appears to be contrary to the provisions of the Immigration Act.

**Mr. MacEachen:** I asked for a report, and I examined it. Then I concluded that the officers had behaved properly and in accordance with the regulations. The action they took in advising their United States counterparts is one which I understand is routine at the border.

[Mr. Howard (Skeena).]

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****AGRICULTURE****PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OR SPREAD OF PLANT PESTS**

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture)** moved that Bill C-154, to prevent the introduction or spreading of pests injurious to plants be read the third time and passed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

**AGRICULTURE****COMPENSATION FOR CONTAMINATION BY PESTICIDE RESIDUE**

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture)** moved that Bill C-155, to provide compensation to farmers whose agricultural products are contaminated by pesticide residue, and to provide for appeals from compensation awards, be read the third time and passed.

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a few observations on the third reading of this measure because it represents somewhat of a departure from the type of agricultural bills we have had before us recently. It seems to me it is a forerunner of other bills of this sort which may be coming before the house. I believe there is an intent on the part of the government to deal with changing conditions we are likely to meet in both agriculture and the chemical industry in the years ahead.

In the main, Mr. Speaker, I believe the intent of the bill is good. The government appears to recognize that instances are likely to arise, perhaps with more frequency in the future than in the past, when claims for compensation will be made, and that a basis is necessary for determining the method by which compensation should be paid. While I think the intent of the bill is good, I am a little disappointed that some of the amendments we moved when we were dealing with the substance of the bill clause by clause in the committee stage were not accepted. We believe that those amendments were sound and would have improved the bill, but under the circumstances we must bow to the will of the committee.

● (3:10 p.m.)

In the result, I feel that the regulations that will be prescribed under the bill and also the clauses of the bill are going to make the