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gentlemen are continuing their activities in Toronto for the same purpose for which they were admitted and had not, to the minister's knowledge, taken part in any violent activity.

I can now say that in providing the minister with a report on the activities of these two men, the immigration office in Toronto checked all possible sources, including the city police in Toronto, and no charges have been brought against them. There is no evidence whatever to show that they are responsible for any acts of violence which may have taken place, or that they are in any way violating the conditions under which they were temporarily admitted to Canada. According to union officials they are still acting in an advisory capacity to the union. The fact that there has been no negotiation between the union and the publishers since about the end of last month does not in itself affect their status in Canada under the Immigration Act.

**CANADA ELECTIONS ACT****INQUIRY AS TO COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION  
THIS SESSION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice in his capacity as house leader. Would the minister tell me what consideration is being given to having the Canada Elections Act referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections before this session eventually ends?

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, this is one matter which I will take under consideration.

**FARM MACHINERY****PROVISION OF CREDIT FOR PURCHASES BY  
SYNDICATES**

The house resumed, from Monday, September 28, consideration of the motion of Mr. Hays for the second reading of Bill No. C-121, to provide for the extension of credit to farm machinery syndicates, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Nugent.

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Acadia):** Mr. Speaker, last evening I rose to speak to the amendment. In summarizing what I said last night let me say that we on this side were disappointed at the action of the government in not giving their unanimous consent to the subamendment. The only conclusion we can draw from this action is that the government were somewhat ashamed and afraid to let this

bill go to the agriculture committee, where it could have received the close scrutiny which some of us feel it merits.

I was also surprised last evening at the action of the members of the other opposition parties, the smaller parties, who talk so long and loud about house reform, issue ten point programs and statements and so on. They are all in favour of house reform. In their arguments last night on a point of order which was raised they even said they were in wholehearted support of the principle of the subamendment.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Order.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** But they voted against it because at that time they were not in favour of house reform. They issue ten point programs to the newspapers for publication, but when the question is put and the opportunity is given them to break new ground they are not willing to do so. Last evening clearly proved that they were not willing to do that.

**Mr. Olson:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. It seems to me that inasmuch as we are discussing the amendment we should stick to the amendment.

**Mr. Olson:** I should like to raise a point of order. The hon. member who now has the floor has no right to reflect upon a vote taken by the house. I also think he should clearly distinguish between breaking new ground and breaking the rules, which is what he is now doing.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** Some hon. members are thin skinned. Last night the hon. member for Medicine Hat spoke on this piece of legislation and on the amendment, and what did he say at that time? As reported at page 8508 of *Hansard* he said:

I think the farmers should be allowed to consider the law and test it to see what kind of problems will be created.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, he is saying that he thinks the farmers should be allowed to get into trouble, if they can, under this piece of legislation, and then come back to us within a year and we will try as legislators to bail them out. He is asking, why should we look at this bill? He says the Minister of Agriculture says it is good legislation and that it is good for the farmers; let the farmers get into trouble and then we will bail them out. I can only say, Mr. Speaker, that I am glad this party takes its