

SOLDIERS OBJECT TO FOREIGNERS AT HIGH RIVER

Men Are Sent By Government Official Through Local Employment Office

During the session of the house last evening Dr. G. D. Stanley, member for High River, arose and drew the attention of the house to a state of affairs in the town of High River. He had just received a telegram that a body of 30 foreign laborers had been run out of town by soldiers. They were farm laborers who had come to High River, stating they had been sent by Publicity Commissioner Hotchkiss through the Hub Employment Agency of Edmonton.

Mr. Hotchkiss this morning states that he has no connection with the Hub company nor any other employment agency. Many men are placed in farm position through Mr. Hotchkiss' efforts, but not in this way. He said that about a week ago a body of northern homesteaders came in to see him to get information concerning work on farms. He told them the earliest work was south of Calgary, and following a practice gave them the names of several secretaries of U.F.A. locals. Unknown to Mr. Hotchkiss the spokesman of this band was the manager of the Hub. This man wrote and wired several of the secretaries. He says he received a letter from a Mr. Keen, of High River, asking for 30 men. He sent them. This morning he received a letter from Mr. Keen acknowledging receipt of the men and saying that all the English-speaking ones had been placed, though there was little chance of the others getting employment there. The manager of the Hub states he worked on good faith, based on his order from Mr. Keen.

According to latest word from High River the trouble has been settled so far as further active participation by soldiers or civilian citizens. It is understood from there that a number of the foreigners have left the town.