

The CHAIRMAN: And there has been a large demand for them?

Mr. FOULDS: The demand has so increased that we are putting out a new edition on the 1st of April, which will include information about Newfoundland and also have a number of illustrations. At the moment I think I have only about 20 copies of the present edition left.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Have you got these booklets in both languages?

Mr. FOULDS: In both languages, sir. We have tried to keep the booklets factual. We feel that a government department must not start out by interpreting even such a thing as democracy. We are not attempting to issue these booklets in other languages; our aim is to make them interesting so that newcomers will want to read them in English or French.

Hon. Mr. CRERAR: It might be useful to distribute these among large numbers of native Canadians who do not know very much about their own country.

Mr. FOULDS: We do not want to start selling them to the general public. One high school principal—in Kingston, I think it was—wrote in and wanted one copy for each of his pupils, but we have not felt that we could use Dominion government funds for that purpose.

Hon. Mr. CRERAR: When you get these booklets from the press I should like to receive a complete set of them.

Mr. FOULDS: This book "How to Become a Canadian Citizen" is one which we started to distribute through the courts, which still are our basic means of distribution for it. A person who wishes to file a Declaration of Intention to become a Canadian citizen can do so by applying to a court clerk anywhere in Canada, and less than a year later he will come before the judge for examination. As soon as the person files his declaration he is handed one of these books, in English or French, on how to become a Canadian citizen, our purpose being to help him prepare for his examination before the judge. While the courts have been our primary avenue for distribution, we are receiving requests for copies from many other quarters, even from school authorities.

As stated in Dr. Keenleyside's submission to the committee, the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources has prepared a booklet called "This is Canada". It is issued in English and French and five or six other languages. The immigration authorities are now distributing it to every person who leaves Europe for Canada, but approximately 75,000 had left before the distribution started. We are not attempting to mail a copy to everyone of those 75,000, but we do provide a copy for every person who attends the night classes.

Then there is a very worthwhile pamphlet "Canada from Sea to Sea", put out by the Department of External Affairs with the primary object, I should judge, of securing trade for this country. It is highly prized by Europeans who are preparing to come here. The other day I was told by one of the Netherlands authorities that their government is providing classes for Dutch folk who are planning to come to Canada, and the prize for efficiency in the classes is a copy of "Canada from Sea to Sea".

Finally, there is the "Canada Year Book", with which you are all familiar, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. It has a large fund of valuable information, and we place at least one copy in every classroom so that teachers and pupils may be able to use it when required.

Hon. Mr. EULER: What is the pamphlet "Our Land" used for?

Mr. FOULDS: The three booklets "Our Land", "Our History" and "Our Government" form the basis of study in the second year. The subject of study in the first year is language.