

Supply—Citizenship and Immigration

(a) British subjects, citizens of Ireland, citizens of the United States, and native citizens of France as defined in P.C. 2856;

(b) Relatives sponsored by legal residents of Canada in cases where satisfactory settlement conditions are established, such conditions to include good prospects of employment for persons other than dependent relatives;

(c) Persons applying for admission to Canada for the purpose of marriage, provided the prospective husband is able to support his intended wife;

(d) Agriculturists who have sufficient means to farm in Canada;

(e) Immigrants individually nominated by employers in Canada who establish that their services are required; provided that the number of immigrants nominated by an employer in any one group application does not exceed 25;

(f) Domestic and nurses' aides; and

(g) Immigrants recommended by the settlement service of the immigration branch.

With respect to the admission of relatives, hon. members will have noted that this category, formerly restricted to first degree relatives sponsored by residents of Canada, has been widened to include all bona fide relatives, subject to the reasonable condition that, in the case of persons other than those who are by reason of age or some other disability unable to support themselves, the sponsors supply evidence that there is good prospect for employment.

All applications other than those previously mentioned will be referred to the minister for consideration on their merits.

For example, the minister, under the new regulations, will be able to make prompt decisions with respect to such classes as:

(h) Immigrants bringing capital to Canada for the purpose of establishing an industry or business;

(i) Immigrants coming to Canada as artisans or small businessmen for the purpose of establishing themselves in rural areas;

(j) Members of professional classes and others who are deemed capable of making a significant contribution to the economic or cultural life of Canada;

(k) Group movements other than those previously defined;

and, generally speaking, with respect to all immigrants deemed to be desirable and suitable in accordance with the true intent of the regulations enacted by order in council P.C. 2856. It is to be understood that there are no changes in the existing requirements as to health, character and passports.

Mr. Knowles: The minister will probably recall that there has been some discussion in the house with respect to Chinese and I have in mind the matter of foster children. The last time this matter was before the committee the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart raised a question which the minister said could be dealt with on his supplementaries. Probably he did not know that that would be at a quarter to twelve o'clock, but here we are. Does the new order in council to which

[Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce).]

the minister has just referred cover the case of a citizen of Canada, Chinese in origin, whose wife, two natural children and one adopted child are in China?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): The order in council referred to a moment ago does not affect P.C. 2115 which still relates to persons from China.

Mr. Knowles: In this case the person is a citizen of Canada and is in Canada. Does that make any difference?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): None whatever.

Mr. Knowles: Then I draw this case to the attention of the minister and I shall get in touch with him again about it. It seems to me that in this case the minister should exercise discretion if he has it. This is a Canadian citizen whose two grown daughters and adopted son are in China. He can bring his wife and two grown daughters to Canada, but that would mean breaking up the family. Now that this matter has been broadened as suggested by the minister I hope he will give favourable consideration to this matter.

Mr. Higgins: Will applications for citizenship by Chinese residing in Newfoundland prior to union be recognized in so far as the dates are concerned?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): After the hon. member spoke the other night on the estimates I asked for a report on these particular persons, but I have not been able to read it as yet.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. W. E. Harris (for the Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Beaudoin in the chair.

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce) moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1951, the sums of \$1,044,731,265.43, \$1,666,666.67 and \$82,451,398, respectively, be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): These figures are being produced without there being any chance of checking them in any way. Can the minister assure us that they have been carefully checked and that there is no possibility of error?

Mr. Garson: I can assure my hon. friend that they have been checked.