

get that fact firmly imbedded in our minds. We talk about being victors and sometimes we speak as though the whole danger were entirely at an end, and that we should shake hands with the Hun and go on as before. But, Sir, if we read the press reports aright and study the situation from the attitude assumed by the Hun today, we must be convinced of this fact, that he is an unrepentant enemy of Britain and of this Dominion, and that his hatred of Britain and the British race is deeper and more bitter and determined to-day than ever before the war; and underneath his hatred is the grim determination to do his utmost in the future to undermine and destroy British influence and British civilization from the face of the earth. He is still a Hun exactly as he was before 1914.

I do not intend to detain the House for any length of time, but I ask the Government to give this matter their most earnest attention. I do not want to be put off—if the minister will permit me to put it frankly—with the statement “we will give it consideration;” but I would, like the Government to consider that at this time they have a duty towards the country and towards posterity. It is all very well to say, “We will pass regulations and we will see that our officers are properly instructed;” but my experience is this, Sir,—and I have watched the immigration problem very closely for many years—that regulations are very elastic. What I desire is, to see the policy of the country clearly defined in the statutes, so that there may be no possible mistake either to persons seeking to enter the country, or to citizens at large. It would be far better, in my opinion, to put into the Bill which is to be brought down in a few days, as we are told, a clear declaration that we are going to keep out of this country a certain type of enemy aliens. Let us put that beyond all question. I quite agree that regulations should be made regarding matters that might be considered temporarily desirable; but so far as this question is concerned, I think it should be a well laid down, publicly declared policy and determination of the Government, speaking for the country, in its attitude towards these people. And my resolution, as I pointed out before, is such that no person can possibly question successfully our right to shut out this class of aliens. In conclusion, I would ask the minister and the Government to give these facts their serious consideration and close attention, and to incorporate them in a statutory way in the Bill to be brought down.

Hon. J. A. CALDER: So far as I am personally concerned, I am very glad indeed to have had this discussion this afternoon, and to have learned the views of the hon. gentleman who has just spoken. He has brought to our attention a matter in which the people throughout the country generally are very much interested at the present time. There is considerable agitation in connection with the whole subject, and it is a subject that must be dealt with by this Parliament before it rises. As the resolution stands, however, I doubt very much if it would be advisable to accept it, because it is exceedingly sweeping in its character. It will be remembered that I asked the hon. gentleman whether or not it was intended that the resolution should apply to all residents of enemy countries. Well, if it does, and the resolution were approved and made law as Parliament would be expected to make it, we might have a very difficult and complex situation. The resolution proposes, for example, that we should absolutely exclude all persons of enemy nationality who caused us trouble during the past four and a half years.

Mr. STEVENS: The resolution says: “All who have been guilty of conduct, whether in Canada or in any other place, which has in any way jeopardized the peace, safety, and well-being of Canada.” I do not think it could be very much clearer.

Mr. CALDER: I have probably taken a rather technical view of the language; but, as I read it, I understood it to mean that the three, or four, or five million people we have been fighting during the last four and a half years have certainly done something to jeopardize the peace, safety and well-being of this country and our people, and consequently I read the resolution to mean that the hon. member proposed that we should establish a law in this country that would absolutely exclude any person coming from any of these countries. I understand, however, he does not mean that, but rather that it is intended to exclude only those—whether they have lived in their own country or elsewhere—who have conspired against the peace and orderly Government of this country. With that explanation we may very well make some provision in so far as that class is concerned. But the whole problem, as the House can understand, is a very difficult one to deal with in so far as European immigration is concerned, because undoubtedly this will be made the subject of very considerable discussion at the Peace Con-