

*Supply—Citizenship and Immigration*

year, next year and next year and next year for the next ten years? How much financing will we have to do?

I am not suggesting for a moment that the government should take over the country and try to run it, but I am suggesting that they should endeavour to co-operate with the people who are doing a good job financially. The people of Europe who have come to this country as immigrants are solid rocks in the foundation of Canada. Today we heard of a Chinese, an honest, loyal and decent citizen, who has been kept out of the country. I cannot understand the hearts of people who at one moment preach United Nations and down with communism and then act in this way. I do not know any better way of bringing about communism than to say we love you and then punch a man in the face at the same time. The abolition of slums and the putting of these people into proper housing will obliterate any thought of communism.

In my home at the present time I have a little Chinese boy who was brought to Canada to join his father six months ago at a cost of \$1,000. Fancy paying a thousand dollars to bring a child you love and cherish from China to Canada. Surely the government could make some kind of arrangement with a shipping company whereby it would only cost \$200 or \$250. This boy's mother and sister are still in China. Imagine bringing a little boy of 12 out here at a cost to the father of \$1,000. The expense is so great that the father, who has been here for 20 years, has had to leave his wife and another child in China.

We talk about being human beings. It is time we changed our thoughts and actions. That boy came out in August. Last month his father was stricken with an illness from which he cannot recover. He is now in hospital in Collingwood. I have taken the boy into my home. These things should not be necessary. This man is married to this woman in China and he has a little girl there. The wherewithal should be given to this man. If we are going to allow such a man to come to our country he should be able to bring his family here so he can enjoy the family life to which he is entitled as much as you or I or any other citizen of the country.

The father of that little boy is a Canadian citizen. What does that mean? Does it not really mean freedom for everybody? Does it not mean the same possibilities irrespective of creed, religion or nationality? The government says: Take out your Canadian citizenship paper; pay \$5. In my opinion no man who is willing to work and abide by the

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laws of the country needs to take out any paper. That is sufficient to show what kind of a citizen he is. The mere taking out of a citizenship paper and having your photograph taken while being given your certificate does not make you a Canadian. It does not change your ideas if they are communistic. It does not make you a man who believes in democratic government.

The government should hide their heads in shame in the light of conditions in the year 1953. Some members of the House of Commons doubt whether there should be any immigration for the next five or ten years. Some of them go so far as to say we should not bring any more immigrants into the country. I say bring in three or four million good people of the right kind of stock to help us develop what God has given us. Let there be no more puttering around by the government. Let them get down to earth and do a real job.

**Mr. Higgins:** The minister referred to Mr. Peters, the chief immigration officer at Hong Kong. I thoroughly agree that he is a very fine type of civil servant, as are most of the officers of the department. But I do bring to the minister's attention, because it has come to me from very many sources on very many occasions, that there is something a little bit rotten in the state of China, if you will, with respect to the Chinese part of the establishment at Hong Kong. The minister is aware already that there have been all kinds of stories of money being passed and so on before Chinese could come here. I bring the matter to his attention as it has been brought to mine.

**Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** I want to make one brief reference to the minister's statement tonight. I think one must say quite frankly that what the minister said sounded practical. In effect he said what is contained in a paragraph of what he said yesterday, that the approach should be realistic, that we must anticipate future developments as closely as we can and gear our immigration program to them. Then he spoke about the opportunities for growth, and said the government must seize the opportunity and make the maximum use of it in the interests of our people. Then he spoke about one thing he did not mention tonight. He hinted briefly at the question of defence, how much Canada has to contribute to the peace of the world, and said that that contribution will be greater as we grow in number.

As I said a moment ago, I think there is a lot of common sense in that approach by