

I am not here. Jean-Francois Pouliot." That is my reason for sitting where I am at present.

I wish to say a word about the subject before the house. The Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell) has given an explanation about a number of things. I did not know what he was talking about and I do not think he did either. Certainly it had nothing to do with the matter before the house.

I have heard a lot of talk around here by people, including the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bracken), that we must curtail discussion and bring the regulations up to date, and yet these people have talked for over forty minutes, including a friend of my party who read a speech for forty-two minutes. I am not going to read mine. I am going to say very little in this debate and I am going to speak entirely on this matter which is before the house.

One of my good friends from Ontario, in spite of the excellent speech made by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Green), has shown that he did not even know what the bill was about. We are now speaking about the exclusion bill. I want to make this point clear: in so far as the members from British Columbia are concerned, there is no racial hatred at all. We are concerned entirely with the bill. We in British Columbia believe that we know something about the problem. We happen to live many thousands of miles from Ontario; but as far as Ontario is concerned we live two hundred and fifty thousand miles away. I have heard members speak in the house tonight, and I have read in Toronto *Saturday Night* articles upon the Japanese situation by members from Ontario who had no more knowledge of the Japanese situation than I have of flying the Atlantic ocean. I think my hon. friends from Alberta will bear me out in that.

We from British Columbia speak of something we know about. We have no racial hatred there. As a matter of fact, the man who will nominate me at the next election, if the British Columbia voting powers permit me, will be a Chinese; and that is going some. None of my hon. friends over there have even got anybody to nominate him. I am serious in this. My hon. friends over there from British Columbia speak with a certain amount of knowledge, but I do not admit that those from Ontario—and I particularly include those from Toronto and Windsor—know anything at all about the problem. They talk about something they know nothing about. The hon. member for Vancouver South may say that this is not a political issue. I would not exactly get out and advocate that anybody should vote for the hon. member for

Vancouver South; that is, not if I could avoid doing so. However, he explained our problem in British Columbia, as I see it. I want to say to you, Mr. Speaker, that the members from British Columbia, with the exception of one, are unanimous in this, and that one cannot help himself. He is a very fine man, but he cannot help himself because he has to do what he is told. We do not have to do what we are told.

Mention has been made of the united nations. If there is any time when the united nations have a chance to show that they meant what they said, it is right now. I believe that if anybody in Canada is entitled to a vote, the Indians are. We took the country away from them and have not made a very good job of running it. We made a fair job over here, but they made a poor job over there.

I do want to say this to the minister, and I am a good supporter of his. He comes from the same country as I do, Scotland. He came here a little before I did. I want to say to the minister that the explanation which he has given to us of this bill does not go down as far as I am concerned. I believe it is up to this government to give us a clear-cut decision in this matter; although I might not agree with it, I might have to agree with it. I think it is up to them to tell us what they intend to do in so far as immigration is concerned, particularly with regard to the Asiatic issue and not give us that twaddle we heard this afternoon; and I say that with all due deference to the minister who is a good friend of mine. I want a decision from the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) as to what the immigration policy is to be in so far as Asiatics are concerned.

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I wish to detain the house for only a few moments in connection with this great problem. I have a great deal of sympathy with the present minister because he has been most patient and his answers to letters about immigration have been most cordial and pleasant. He wasted no time in getting at the root of the complaints. But I believe that the time has come in this country, as I said last year or the year before, when we should have a national-immigration policy. It is now nineteen months after the war and we have no courageous, forward-looking immigration policy with vision for the people of this country from coast to coast.

Over one hundred and twenty-five years ago the discoverers of the country opened up Hudson bay, James bay, the Mackenzie and Fraser rivers, and many other territories like