

impossible to bring in the great numbers I am sure are most anxious to come to the Dominion of Canada, but I do not think that that need alter the position of any country which is trying to lay down an immigration policy.

It certainly seems to me that Canada, along with the other dominions, should at the earliest possible date lay down a definite immigration policy. I may say that during a recent trip to England and the Continent I found two or three people talking about going to Australia and South Africa to every single person I heard expressing intentions of coming to Canada. It may have been that that was just my own experience in running into the people I did, but I did make some inquiries about it and I learned that the Australian government had put on quite a drive in England to get immigrants. In announcing their policy they stated they would accept about 70,000 immigrants during the first year. I believe that they had that number of persons apply, but they ran into difficulties in shipping accommodations and finding space. I understand that to overcome that difficulty the Australian government is chartering the *Acquitania* to provide for the transportation of those people who have already made arrangements to leave the United Kingdom and immigrate to Australia.

I feel that the work done by this committee last year was extremely well received by the country as a whole. I am sure that all of us here feel that Senator Roebuck deserves most of the credit for what this committee did.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: Oh, no.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL: His knowledge of the subject, his interest in the problem, and his untiring efforts in helping to direct the inquiry, brought about the very excellent report that was tabled by this committee in the house last year. I agree that it is only through a committee of this sort, and through the publicity that the work of this committee gets, and the publicity given to evidence of the witnesses who appear before the committee, that immigration policy can be brought about. There are great difficulties, I suppose, in the way of laying down any overall policy to-day, but it seems to me that the time has come when we must do so.

Before taking my seat I should just like to make one observation on what Senator Euler said. I feel the work of the Taxation Committee last year accomplished something. I do not think it is betraying any confidence to say that after that committee was set up, and during the time the committee was sitting, the departmental officers were keenly interested in the evidence produced before the committee and in the recommendations that were made. There were certain recommendations which I think the great majority of the committee—all except me—felt should have been embodied in the legislation of that year, but the department felt that the act was in such a state at that time that one recommendation involving appeals from discretionary orders could not very well be granted at that time. A new measure is being considered and I hope that it may be tabled in some form during the coming session of parliament. It may require a good deal of study. It may be impossible to enact the legislation at this session, but I am sure if it reaches a point where it can be tabled with our committee, the committee would make a valuable contribution in giving it consideration and study. I hope that when that legislation is brought down many of the discretionary provisions will be eliminated. I am sure that the work this committee can do on immigration is just as valuable, if not more so, than the work done by the Committee on Taxation.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: Senator Campbell mentioned that Australia had chartered the *Aquitania*. I had not heard that, but I am told very authoritatively that the *Aquitania* will leave Europe—I am not sure from what port—on April 4, with fifty immigrants aboard bound for Canada. Some newspaper reports that have been written indicate larger numbers, but I understand there are fifty only, and they are relatives of people here.