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managing to come to Canada and having worked during six, seven or eight months in the province of Quebec, and especially in Rouyn, Val d'Or or Montreal, ran away to Toronto and Ontario where there is more economic growth.

If the authorities had then taken into consideration the cultural rights of the province of Quebec, we would undoubtedly have had immigrants who would have adjusted themselves more easily to the mentality of the province of Quebec. I see the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (Mr. Marchand) in the house; I must tell him that I myself heard officials of the immigration office in Quebec city advise immigrants coming from Hungary and Yugoslavia that it would be preferable to learn English instead of French, if they wanted to earn a living more easily in Canada, and that right in the province of Quebec. The Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys (Mr. Pepin) knows that what I say is true.

The best proof of my allegation is that in Noranda, and more especially in Rouyn, where I live, 100 per cent of European immigrants come from Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): I regret to interrupt the hon. member for Villeneuve, but I think that he is now speaking about immigration policy, while we have before us a bill to define the jurisdiction of the department of manpower and the responsibilities falling on the new minister in the matter of immigration. However, I do not think it is proper, at this time, to discuss the immigration policy of the federal government, even though it is well known that it will be incumbent on the minister of manpower. However, I believe that we should, at this stage, consider the bill before the house.

Mr. Caouette: I thank you, Mr. Speaker. This disturbs me a little, but I was convinced, and I still am, that I am not out of order.

Section 13 (c) concerning the appointment of a minister of manpower reads as follows: "immigration". It seems to me that I have the right to speak about immigration. I am not at all out of order, since the bill itself refers to immigration.

I realize that the immigration policy could be dealt with on another occasion, but nevertheless, we can discuss the present situation in the field of immigration while considering a bill to establish a department of manpower which will look after immigration in addition

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to manpower, since it is agreed that immigration comes under manpower.

I said that we have Poles, Ukrainians and immigrants of other nationalities in our area where 88 per cent of the people are French Canadians. Those immigrants are compelled to learn English in order to work in our area. They cannot speak a word of French. In fact, very few know any French.

Mr. Speaker, new ministers or incumbents are being appointed without increasing the number of members in the cabinet. In my opinion, it would have been advisable to appoint another minister who might have been called the minister of federal-provincial relations, because we are experiencing some unrest in Canada.

Earlier this afternoon I tried to put a question to the Prime Minister and I asked permission to raise the matter at ten o'clock tonight. A great many people in the province of Quebec are going around making all kinds of statements derogatory to Ottawa. It is high time Ottawa woke up and spoke plainly in order to correct the facts, because the Liberals, especially in the province of Quebec, proclaim that they granted Quebec farmers a price of \$4 per hundredweight of industrial milk. Mr. Speaker, this decision was not made in the province of Quebec; Ottawa is paying, but Quebec is now making petty politics out of this matter.

In other fields, the Leader of the Opposition is heard to favour separation in one place and independence in another; elsewhere, he is merely a Canadian. It is impossible to know where he stands. This is what is taking place at present and everybody is wondering where they are heading. A man by the name of Bourgault is campaigning for independence in the province of Quebec at present—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): All members are no doubt interested in provincial politics, but the bill now before the house deals with the creation of four new departments with distinctive jurisdictions. I do not believe members of the house are so interested as all that in the election campaign going on in Quebec, even though they are not indifferent to it. However, we are now considering a bill to define the responsibilities of four new departments.

An hon. Member: Raise the matter at ten o'clock.

Mr. Caouette: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but I shall come back to this matter tonight at ten o'clock. At any rate, I should like to call