

cation of this immigration policy, the Prime Minister went on to build up the situation to the point where one might assume that the government was ready immediately to apply this immigration policy or, if not to apply it, at least to lay down a general outline so that the country, and particularly those who are anxious to emigrate to Canada, might know exactly how they would eventually go about doing it.

But when it comes to the point where one might expect to find this general outline laid down, one's expectations are not realized. We find that the Prime Minister is reported at page 2646 of *Hansard* in these words:

For some time to come, no matter what special shipping arrangements we may be able to achieve, conditions of transport will limit the number of immigrants. When that limitation ceases to prevail, it will be necessary to consider further what measures will best achieve the adjustment of immigration to the numbers that can be absorbed into the economy of Canada.

And with that statement, we were left. There was no indication, even in general outline, of just how the government proposes to go about applying these general principles to the policy the development of which it has in mind.

There is no indication, for instance, of where we will look, or to what countries we will look, for our immigrants. There is no indication of the general type and classification of the entrants who will be permitted to come to Canada. There is no indication that the government is prepared to enter into negotiations with, say, the governments of the United Kingdom, France or the Netherlands, or the low countries—there is no indication of negotiations with those countries with regard to plans for assisted immigration in the future. There is no indication as to what measure of assistance will be provided to immigrants, or indeed whether any assistance will be provided.

All these matters could surely have been covered in a general outline of a plan for immigration, even one which was to be put into effect only at a future time. The practical importance of laying down such a general outline can be realized, I think, when one calls to mind the fact that there are now large numbers of people, in Europe especially, looking to that day in the future when they may be able to emigrate to the new world. I suggest we should make known our intentions for the future, and should do it at this time, even though we cannot now put it into effect, so that those who are anxious to emigrate and who, if they cannot come to Canada, or do not know they will be permitted to come to Canada and as a result will look to

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Australia, South Africa or South America, will know that they will be able at some future time to come to this country. I have in mind people of the best type, who are anxious to make their homes in the new world. They will now be anxious to choose Canada as their future home. But if we do not do this, or take some such step, then surely it is quite possible that we will lose our chance to get the best, the most active and the most desirable type of immigrants for this country. We know, for instance, that Australia, South Africa and others of the British dominions have their plans. Indeed, they have agents in Europe and the United Kingdom at this time who are receiving applications for immigration. I suggest Canada should do the same.

In short, the principles of our long-range immigration policy have been laid down. With those principles there is general agreement. I would urge the Prime Minister and the government to go further, and to commit themselves not only to the principles, which no one questions, but to the policy, so that the house and country will know in general outline how they are going to accomplish that to which they are committed. Otherwise I suggest the Prime Minister and government lay themselves open to a serious charge of evasion.

Turning to the other feature of the bill now before the house, I should like to deal with the matter of the repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act. It is some two months since this matter was last discussed in the house, so I should like to refer Your Honour and hon. members back to some of the suggestions made at that time by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Green).

At the conclusion of his remarks as they are reported in *Hansard* for February 11, we find the hon. member saying this at page 313:

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, once more I would ask that this house and this country, before this bill is passed, be given full details concerning Chinese immigration that will be allowed if the Chinese Immigration Act is repealed, and what will be the future policy in regard to Chinese immigration.

That was his first point. Then he went on to make two further points, which should be considered in connection with this matter. He said:

Also we should be told the policy of this government toward the suggested united nations control over immigration into Canada, and in the third place we should be told the policy of this government concerning Japanese immigration.

Apparently the Prime Minister gave careful consideration to those three points suggested by the hon. member for Vancouver