

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. In that period 149,461 people came to Canada and 261,699 left. In other words, more people left Canada than came to this country.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Have you any idea if those were native-born Canadians?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Dominion Statistician did not give those facts, but I presume that could be analysed.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: When Mr. Marshall was before the committee I tried to question him as to where these people who left Canada had lived in this country. I asked him about the movement out of the maritime provinces, but he did not have the figures from any particular part of Canada. You could not tell from what part of the country they were moving in the largest numbers.

Hon. Mrs. WILSON: They had a heavy movement from Quebec to England.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I think there is one point that ought to be cleared up. Anybody who knows anything about the practice of immigration from Canada to the United States knows that what the speaker says is correct. The quota system applied to everybody except native-born Canadians or native-born Mexicans. That is positively clear. A practising lawyer in Winnipeg knows that you have a good deal of it there. They do not let anybody in except that class. In my experience I have found that the class that goes to the United States mostly consist of people that have got a good education and are from twenty to thirty years of age.

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: A tremendous amount of that class of people are going over there. It is not a labouring class but it is a class that hope to get a better position in the economic life of that country because there are more opportunities there than there are in Canada.

The CHAIRMAN: That is correct.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I think that condition will always exist.

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (Shediac): What is the percentage of Communists in your people?

Mr. DUBIENSKI: Does the honourable senator mean among Canadians of Polish extraction?

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (Shediac): Yes, the people you are supporting.

Mr. DUBIENSKI: I would say a very, very small number. It may be very vociferous, but it is a very small number. Those who want to come here are not Communistic. That is why they want to come here. That is also why the Communists want to keep them out of here. They want them to return to communist-dominated countries whereas we want to bring them here because they are fleeing from communistic countries.

The CHAIRMAN: In other words: Short and few.

Mr. DUBIENSKI: Yes.

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (Shediac): That is very important.

Mr. DUBIENSKI: Communists do not consider Canada as a communistic haven.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: So they might think that a little leaven might leaven the whole lump.

Mr. DUBIENSKI: I have endeavoured to show that Central Europeans are not those who are leaving the country.

It seems reasonable to assume that all rural immigrants from the Continent have behaved in a similar manner in this respect. In view of the largely rural character of the Poles and other Eastern European immigrants of the past, it seems safe to assume that their tendency to emigrate to the United States has been inconsiderable in the past, and is till of little importance.