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great Quebec parties will solicit votes, one for a stronger Quebec and the other for Quebec first.

It is no longer a question of Canada. It is Quebec first. Twenty years from now, they will say: out with Canada. That is what will happen if nothing is done to correct the situation. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I repeat that I want a department of immigration separate from the department of manpower.

Second, I suggest a national conference on immigration problems in order, first, to strengthen the French minorities in provinces outside Quebec and, second, to take steps so that all immigrants to this country take an interest in the two cultures.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I was in St. Célestin, in the county of Nicolet. I shall conclude my remarks with this. I was in Saint-Célestin, in the county of Nicolet, where a former Conservative member of parliament is candidate. This is a French Canadian who has left Ottawa. French Canadians are becoming less and less interested in Ottawa. The problem is much more serious than you think. I met there an immigrant who only spoke French. I asked him: Why do you not learn English to be bilingual?

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am sure the hon. gentleman is well aware that the remarks he is now making have no relation at all to the principle of the bill which is before us.

[Translation]

Mr. Choquette: Thank you for your remarks; I will conclude with this. Yesterday I met an immigrant who spoke only French. This reminded me that we need a separate department of immigration, not only to strengthen the French minorities outside Quebec but also to initiate all immigrants to this new mentality in the province of Quebec and in Canada, that our country is truly bicultural, bilingual and biethnic and that all immigrants, English speaking people, say: You want to integrate the English culture, but take also some interest in the French language, because there are six million inhabitants here who speak French.

I met yesterday this immigrant who spoke only French. I said: You should take some interest in the English language because there are many English speaking people in Canada. We like the English speaking and we respect English speaking Canadians. We want a truly

[Mr. Choquette.]

Canadian Canada where both cultures, both languages and both races have the same rights, the same respect, the same privileges. But we will defeat, crush and repudiate forever this false and heretic doctrine of separatism.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Greenwood.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I will not attempt to follow the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Choquette) into the turbulent channels into which he has led the debate. I propose to return to the more prosaic subject of the bill which is before the house.

Mr. Choquette: You have always been quiet in this house.

Mr. Brewin: I can assure the hon. member that on another occasion I would be delighted to discuss the topic with him.

Mr. Speaker, in dealing with this particular bill I am reminded of the old story about how an assistant curate was faced at the breakfast table with an egg of dubious quality and when the rector's wife asked him if we was enjoying it he replied it was good in parts. Mr. Speaker, I propose to discuss some of the dubious parts of this legislation, without denying that some parts of it are good and without attempting to give an over-all assessment of the legislation. I also am able to discuss this bill without entering into a discussion of the personalities of the ministers who either now, in the future, or in the immediate past have occupied or are likely to occupy the various ministries involved in the re-organization. I do this because I think the merits or the demerits of the organization may outlast the particular qualities, or lack of qualities if that is possible, of the particular ministers involved.

The test in respect of any re-organization bill surely should be whether it is likely to contribute to the effectiveness of the government in dealing with the urgent tasks which face it. That they are urgent and changing tasks certainly is very clear. I continue to believe that the assignment to the department of the Solicitor General of the jurisdiction relating to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is a very grave mistake. The bill leaves with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, which is the same individual, full responsibility for the enforcement of law. This responsibility is a broad one which