

The Canadian Pacific steamship *Montclair* arrived in port this morning and docked shortly after twelve o'clock. In addition to the passengers originally booked for the *Montclair*, those who had been coming to Canada on the Canadian Pacific steamship *Marloch*, which was in collision recently with a British steamer after leaving Antwerp, were also on board. These were nearly all foreigners, comprising Russians, Italians and Poles.

Passengers arriving on the steamer commented on the fact that there were no less than nineteen languages spoken by people of different nationalities on board.

I should like to ask the Minister of Immigration whether this is the class of immigrants that is being brought in under the comprehensive immigration plan mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, for what purpose these immigrants are being brought into Canada, and whether the minister will give the House an outline of this immigration policy referred to in the Speech?

Mr. STEWART (West Edmonton): Mr. Speaker, I could hardly answer offhand so comprehensive a question as that, but may I say briefly—

Mr. CLARK: Then may I make a suggestion. Will the minister make a statement during the present debate? I think the House is entitled to the information.

Mr. STEWART (West Edmonton): Yes, I will make the statement on the first convenient occasion. I may say for the information of my hon. friend that we have preferred countries, as well as non-preferred countries, from which immigrants are being selected and brought forward. My hon. friend has made a quotation with respect to the very class which are non-preferred and are coming through the instrumentality of relatives provided they have agricultural experience, and the other qualifications necessary.

Mr. R. B. HANSON (York-Sunbury): May I ask the minister if the class of immigrants referred to in the despatch read by the hon. member are being guaranteed five-years' employment by this government?

Mr. STEWART (West Edmonton): The immigrants to which that applies will be immigrants coming forward after the inception of the regulation. Those referred to may have been picked prior to that agreement. I should not like to answer definitely but I can say for the information of my hon. friend that all who come forward under that agreement will be guaranteed employment.

Mr. HANSON: What is the date of the agreement?

Mr. SPEAKER: Orders of the day.

UNSUITABLE IMMIGRANTS

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): May I call the attention of the government to the fact that there are certain officials in England who still regard Canada as a sort of penal colony. In a despatch from London which appears in this morning's paper I read the following:

S. E. Short, chairman of the Birmingham justices of the peace, gave an accused man the choice on Saturday of Canada or trial on charges of threatening to shoot a woman and with having been drunk and disorderly.

The prison doctor said that the man was sane, but addicted to alcohol. His solicitor at once said that the man would sign the pledge and leave Birmingham for the Channel Islands. Mr. Short, objected. "They are freer with alcohol in the Channel Islands than we are here," he said, "He had better go to Canada instead."

The accused man agreed, and the charge of threatening to shoot was withdrawn, and the other charge adjourned for a couple of months for the magistrate to be assured that the man has gone to Canada.

I should like to ask into which province this man is to be sent?

Mr. STEVENS: And will the government guarantee him five years' work.

Mr. STEWART (West Edmonton): I fear the Minister of Immigration could hardly answer so comprehensive a question as that. I think, however, I can safely say that man will not come to Canada.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

On the Orders of the Day.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I wonder if my hon. friend the Minister of Finance will gratify us with volume 1 of the Auditor General's report.

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): I have not yet received that volume.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: When is it coming?

Mr. ROBB: It is promised to-day. Perhaps it may come before to-day's sitting is over.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): On Thursday last the hon. member for London (Mr. White) inquired as to whether the government proposed sitting on Ash Wednesday. I replied that we hoped the Address would be disposed of—and we are still hoping—in which case we would follow the usual custom and, I added, adjourn. I find the usual