

Whatever may be the profession, whether that of doctor, lawyer, financier, manufacturer, farmer or labourer, our ranks are wide enough to include all ideas and all occupations.

The standard of the Liberal party, is not the standard of a class, a race, a language or a religion, it is the standard of the whole Canadian people, united in a spirit of co-operation, justice, mutual respect, peace and harmony.

Mr. F. P. QUINN (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, it was not my intention to take part in this debate, but I observed this afternoon while listening to the wonderful address of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Motherwell) that he appeared to amuse the Minister of Immigration and Colonization greatly. For the first time this session I saw the Minister of Immigration and Colonization smile. Now the Minister of Agriculture did not add anything of importance to the debate. During his remarks he scouted all round. He seemed to take particular interest in the Winnipeg convention and the platform adopted there. He also seemed very much interested in the selection of a leader of the Liberal-Conservative party, and tendered his congratulations to the hon. gentleman who was selected to undertake the duties and responsibilities of that high office. He strove to assist the Minister of Immigration and Colonization by touching on a case which has been dealt with at different times during the present debate and the one which preceded it, but he did not go very much into details. May I say that I was rather surprised and disappointed at the class of cases in which he included the McConachie child? I will not cite the different classes, because hon. members remember them well. The McConachie case has, up to the present time, elicited many expressions of sympathy and surprise. I am in receipt of letters every day from different people, and from various societies and organizations, expressing sympathy with the family affected.

An hon. MEMBER: Why?

Mr. QUINN: An hon. gentleman asks why. Because of the attitude adopted by this government in dealing with the McConachie family. This government has acclaimed Canada as a land of tremendous possibilities and wonderful opportunities for the immigrant. These glowing expressions undoubtedly reached the ears of our friend McConachie; accordingly he obtained a passage and came to this country where he provided a home for himself and family. Had he followed the example of others who brought their household goods and families with them, Mc-

Conachie would have been an established citizen of Canada to-day and would have had his family with him. It was only due to circumstance that the infant which figures in this case was born in Scotland instead of in Canada. All hon. members know—the hon. Minister of Immigration and Colonization and the Minister of Health (Mr. King, Kootenay) know it well—that McConachie was here eighteen months, and his child was fourteen months old when it arrived in this country. I ask the Minister of Immigration and Colonization—and he can answer the question when he pleases; he can answer it now if he prefers, although it will encroach upon the forty minutes allotted to me—what necessity there was for the unholy haste in deporting the McConachie infant? Does he reply? No. I say “unholy,” and I mean it; when I use that word I know what I am saying. I have been told on good authority that the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Ralston) obtained permission to detain the child in Halifax for another week in order to enable it to undergo a further medical examination. I know that McConachie wired from Halifax on Saturday asking to have the child examined by a specialist, and I know the Catholic immigration chaplain at Halifax telephoned to the Cunard Steamship Company, whose vessel brought the family to this country, and they agreed to keep the family at their expense for another week. That information was forwarded to the immigration agent, Mr. Barnstead, and also to his assistant, Mr. Hetherington, but before the chaplain reached the pier the mother and child had been placed on board the steamer. Now where is the human touch, where is the sympathy, where is the judgment of my hon. friend the Minister of Immigration and Deportation? Now we have this family separated, the mother and infant having no home in Scotland to go back to as everything has been sold out. I have under my hand a letter from the secretary of the Overseas Settlement for British Women, Canton House, Westminster, London. She states:

I met Mrs. McConachie on her return to this country and arranged for her to stay at a hotel in London for the night.

She had no home in Lanarkshire to go to and so she had to stay in this hotel in London for the night.

She was at this office all the next day and we sent her to her relatives at Belfast the next night.

That is where Mrs. McConachie is to-day. This poor woman, distracted and heartbroken, is now trying to arrange to place the infant