

*Immigration Act*

organizations. It is remarkable the difference that these committees make in the attitude of the whole community toward the newcomers. In that respect it is very different from what I remember as a schoolboy in the days before the first world war, when almost no one paid any attention to the newcomers except those who had business dealings with them, or unfortunately sometimes something worse.

I do think that the extent to which the newcomers are welcomed and accepted into the community will be accurately reflected in the statistics of citizenship certificates granted by the courts in those communities. I feel that in that respect we can take a certain amount of credit—I am not claiming this for the government but for the Canadian people—from the fact that for the last four or five years not only has there been a steady rise in the number of applications for citizenship and the number of certificates issued, but that rise is greater proportionately than the rise in immigration of five years ago. Of course it is hard to measure these things accurately because some immigrants wait for more than five years—some wait for a great many more than five years—before making their applications.

I hope we never will have to follow every newcomer in order to keep track of his every movement and find out whether he intends to stay or whether he goes to another country. I have been told by newcomers that one of the things they find strange about Canada when they first come here is that people let them do what they want to do. Sometimes I think a lot of them would feel easier—I would not say happier—if they were told a little more about what they had to do, but after most of them have been here three, four or six months they do not want to be pushed around or told what they have to do.

I have been told by these people that the greatest thing about this country is not the job they have, not the car they have been able to buy, not the house they have purchased, not any of these material things but the fact that as long as they behave themselves the police will not interfere with them and neither will anyone else.

That is really why I feel that the right way to proceed is not the way which my hon. friend has suggested. I have the highest regard for him, but sometimes he is in a little more of a hurry than those of us who are older and more experienced feel it is wise sometimes to go. I feel that my hon. friend from Lambton-Kent has the right destination in mind, but he is not on the right road. Instead of doing anything that would even smack of putting pressure upon newcomers I feel we should redouble our efforts to make them feel at home in this country, and in that way we will achieve far more than would be achieved by the passing of this legislation.

On motion of Mr. Harris the debate was adjourned.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Harris:** Monday is of course private members' day. On Tuesday we shall start with the second reading of the bill with respect to bank guarantees and after that take the resolutions with respect to committees of the house.

**Mr. Green:** Could the minister indicate in what order?

**Mr. Harris:** We will take the estimates committee and then the atomic energy committee.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.