

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: What is his name?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Coulter.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: What are his initials?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Garnett Coulter. I suggest that their organization should be invited to send two or three representatives, because in the cities they have to meet the immigration movement as it comes in, and handle it.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: Following Senator Haig's suggestions, I would suggest that representatives of distinct industries be brought here rather than of the manufacturers association. I have a reason for suggesting that. The other day I received a letter from the general manager of the sugar beet industry in Southern Alberta, in which he stated that they required a thousand hands to work in the fields and this help was not available.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I was not trying to limit the number. I just wanted to get all these outside organizations before us.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: We might call somebody here from the Canadian Manufacturers Association, and probably he would not be informed on the needs of the mining industry, or the beet sugar industry, or the pulp and paper industry.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I would call them too—all those organizations.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: That would be my suggestion.

Hon. Mr. BURCHILL: Mr. Chairman, I agree with everything that has been said by Senator Haig and Senator Buchanan and others, and I feel very deeply about this whole subject. After we make the inquiry as wide as we possibly can by calling on everybody who can give us any light on the subject, what shall we do then?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: We shall make recommendations.

Hon. Mr. BURCHILL: Honourable members will recall that last year a large number of people representing various sources made excellent representations before this committee. I think the work that Senator Roebuck did on this committee last year was simply marvellous. He spent a great deal of time on it and gave his very best efforts to the furtherance of the object we had in view. But what was the result of all that? We did everything that has been suggested this morning and we called everybody we thought would throw any light on the subject, and, as I say, they made excellent representations. After that a very fine recommendation was submitted to the government, and what happened? We are in just the same position that we were in last year, even worse perhaps. I think we ought to consider this most carefully. I do not know whether a steering committee would do anything, but it seems to me the only way we can get the government to act is through publicity, and through public opinion. From our experience of last year, it would seem that any suggestions we make would have no effect on the department, and we should consider that we have to get publicity and public opinion behind us before we can get the government to do anything. Honourable members, I am of the opinion that we should seriously consider that phase of it too.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: I thank the senator for those very kind remarks. It must be remembered that the department changed its recommendations, once while we were sitting and once shortly afterwards, and, while the changes were not as great as we had hoped they would be or expected or recommended they would be, they were in the direction of our recommendation. If one will observe the newspaper reports of what took place in this committee, one must come to the conclusion that public opinion was vastly influenced by what we did, and I do not think the effect of what we did has run out yet. There is still something by way of residue to come from our work.