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the municipalities the kind of security that was being asked for yesterday and which they need in order to organize the courses.

So, this important problem is solved. Now, there might be a lack of communication between the province and the school boards. That is possible. But anyway, as far as we are concerned, communication has been established and this problem has been solved.

As for my friend from York East (Mr. Otto) he has raised problems concerning research and knowledge of the environment and he was wondering whether we would be on time with the necessary data concerning changes in the labour market.

As he will realize, there is an advisory committee specially dealing with research and we are trying to set up within the department—unfortunately, it cannot be done overnight, everyone will understand that—possibly one of the best research service in the field of manpower, so that employers may quickly know what the situation is, the workers may know what is the employment problem and whoever is giving the training may know what vocational training to give to meet the requirements of the market.

Therefore, all that is in effect; his remarks have been taken into consideration and I have every reason to believe that he will not complain about the results which we will have.

In general, the matter of cost has been raised. There are nevertheless certain customs in Canada. I know that the trade union people as well as leaders of the employers associations are used to the way of paying people attending meetings of advisory committees. That will be done approximately on the same basis, I think, with the adjustments that may arise from time to time. There is nothing new in that and I see no source of scandal or any other danger for the financial resources of the Canadian government. I do not think that is where abuses might occur.

As far as civil servants are concerned, there has been a change in that department. I apologize for talking a little about the policy of that department as a whole, but very few hon. members talked about the bill yesterday, they talked instead about the manpower and immigration policies, etc. There is no doubt that there were grievances and that some employees were moved.

Integrating the whole department has meant moving people and some were not pleased. Some people had to be transferred from one place to another. Some grievances were justified, others less so. We are doing

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whatever we can and hon. members can rest assured that it is a problem about which I am rather concerned and that I try to deal with the real grievances, that is to find a solution.

Now, I should like to deal with a point raised by the hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Bell) concerning this close link, or so-called close link, between the needs of manpower and immigration.

If the hon. member for Carleton has read closely the new regulations which will be in force on October 1, he will no doubt find that the immigration policy is linked in a certain way with the manpower policy, but not in an entirely, automatic or direct way. That is, a certain number of points may be allowed for future immigrants who have already secured employment or whose professional services are needed in Canada, but that is only a number of points and some people may come to Canada even if their services are not needed providing they get a sufficient number of points on other items.

While there exists a certain link, it is not such as to limit our immigration policy strictly to our manpower needs in Canada.

Everything will depend on how this policy will be administered. I think that our criteria, our basic principles are sound. Besides, I have every reason to believe that the people of Canada will be satisfied with this policy, if we have the wisdom to follow it properly.

Mr. Speaker, I have not probably answered all the criticisms that have been formulated, but I did at least answer some of them. I had taken notes, but they are so general—I know that it will be possible to complete them when my estimates are discussed because several topics already dealt with will be taken up again. Bill C-150 is obviously an improvement, Mr. Speaker. This bill has nothing revolutionary about it, nothing that is not already known to labour unions, employers' organizations, governments or the public at large. Everything involved is known already.

The last point the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Forrestall) has mentioned is that this council should report directly to the government. All depends on the character of the council. As we see it, this council will advise the department, and this in order that the population, the people concerned, may convey quickly their views to the department on the various problems that may occur, if the matter has to do with internal economy.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that if all the documents, all the reports made by the local or