

Manpower and Immigration Council

I now come to another interesting case which has been given wide publicity this past week end in the Canadian publication *Weekend* which has a circulation of more than two million copies an issue and more than 10 million readers.

Mr. Orlikow: Are they audited figures?

Mr. Cowan: Mr. Speaker, I have been asked whether these are audited figures. The hon. member is now invading a field in which I spent more than 30 years of my life. The circulation figures for *Weekend* are not audited, and the circulation figures for the *Canadian* magazine are not audited.

I will tell the hon. member the reason for this. When the audit bureau of circulation in Chicago, which consists of Canadian and United States publisher members, audits a daily newspaper it gives only an average figure over a 12 months period; it does not give an audited figure for any day of the week. Much as *Weekend* would like to have an audited figure for Saturday circulation it is unable to get it. The audit bureau of circulation audits only on a day basis, if there is a more than 15 per cent variation in the Saturday circulation compared to the other days of the week. So that this question brings forth the answer that the figures are not audited; but I know the total circulation is more than two million and the number of readers is more than 10 million.

This article has something to say about the Canadian immigration department. They do not call it a "quibbling quagmire"; they refer to it as "Ottawa's red tape jungle". The story has to do with a young couple from South Africa—he the son of a Capetown publisher and she the daughter of a well-to-do lawyer. They have now been accepted for enrolment by Simon Fraser University in British Columbia next January, but the entire article in last Saturday's *Journal*, which was also featured in last Saturday's *Montreal Star* and *Toronto Telegram*, has those terrible words "deport" and "deportation" all the way through it.

This young couple are the type of people that our immigration officers abroad are seeking. But because they came here of their own volition and paid their own fare, as the article says "Ottawa's red tape" practically strangled them. This article gives us the facts and figures and relates several weeks of embarrassment they endured in Halifax. It refers to the marvellous assistance given to them by the present member for Halifax (Mr. McCleave), and it would appear there is some

hope that the immigration department is going to realize that they should be allowed to stay in the country.

The interesting thing is this, Mr. Speaker. This couple has been here now for about a year. On October 18 a baby, Shannon Neill, was born in Halifax—a Canadian. I am wondering whether the department of immigration will advise the deportation of the mother and father and if they are going to keep the baby in Canada, because the baby is native born. I should like to see the baby remain here, as well as the mother and father.

The article goes on to point out that the department of immigration has taken tremendous umbrage over the fact that the Neills were, the department said, in Canada as immigrants without the required medical certificates. I have bumped into this situation so often, Mr. Speaker, that it is appalling. People come over here on visitors visas. They have never been in Canada before; they see the country and they like it. That is not so strange, because we like it too; but having seen it and liked it these people desire to stay. They are then immediately accused by the department of immigration of having lied when they said they were coming in as visitors.

The department of immigration officials point out to them that they did not come in as visitors but came in with the single, solitary intention of staying on as immigrants. It almost appears as though a person cannot form an opinion of Canada while here on a visitor's visa or on a three month visit without being accused of lying if he says he would like to remain here as an immigrant.

As I say, Mr. Speaker, I have had this situation thrown up to me too often by the department of immigration when I have talked to them about would be immigrants. They even say that the man in question "admits" that he came into this country wishing to be an immigrant. I contend that the word "admits" should be struck from the vocabulary of the officials of the department of immigration. A man or woman may say that he or she likes the country and wants to stay; but immediately they are charged by the department with the statement that they have admitted they wanted to stay when they first came. In fact they may have only concluded that they would try to stay in the country a week after they arrived. I suggest that this practice is unfair to would be immigrants. If hon. members have not read this article in *Weekend* which deals with the fortunes of these young people from South