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and within about three weeks these men are eased off the job and the company concerned applies to the Department of Citizenship and Immigration advising that there are no more available welders, they having exhausted the supply from the union, and then welders from the United States are permitted to enter and this is done under somewhat dubious classifications. In fact they invented a new classification of a pipe-line specialist which does not explain exactly what they are a specialist in.

I suggest to both the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration that they should have a much more thorough investigation made of the situation before next spring when work is going to open up again on these projects. I think everyone knows that at that time we are going to be facing a rather high level of unemployment and there is going to be gross unrest if this same situation continues as has obtained in the past.

I would also suggest to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration that he should consider some revision of our immigration relationships with the United States because no Canadian can go down to the United States and obtain work on projects of that nature in the way in which citizens of that country have been able to enter Canada.

Many of them, I might add, come into Canada deliberately under false pretences and make no bones about it. In fact, some of them boast of it. Some of them boast of coming to Canada pretending to come in as landed immigrants to be settlers and then they jeer and say, "The only reason we came here is to skim the cream off and we are going back to the United States when this is done". Such things are happening and I suggest that this new government had better twist the arm of some of their officials in order to obtain a more realistic report than they have had in the past.

There is one other matter with which I want to deal and it is a subject of wider importance than the two I have already discussed. I note that in the measure before us we are to vote one-twelfth of the estimates for the Department of National Defence which will mean if my arithmetic is approximately correct the sum of \$145 million. I am, of course, quite ready to admit it may be very difficult at this particular time to suddenly terminate certain projects that have been undertaken but I do hope that some time before this session ends we shall have from the Minister of National Defence an indication that he and his officials are making a realistic survey of

[Mr. Cameron.]

Canada's defence position in light of the new technological achievements of which there has been so much publicity in recent weeks.

I was particularly pleased when I heard the Minister of National Defence, as reported at page 38 of yesterday's *Hansard*, say these words:

I am confident that the militia—

In its new role of civil defence—

—will render the same patriotic service in this role as it has always done, rather than seeking some phony, glamorous role which hardly exists.

I submit that only a gentleman with the impeccable military record of the Minister of National Defence perhaps would dare to make such a statement but I heartily applaud him for having done so and I trust he will apply the same rather brutal realism to some other aspects of our armed forces in light of the developments that have taken place.

I think there is very little doubt that it would be quite difficult for the minister or his colleagues to justify from the point of view of actual real defence the expenditure of the \$145 million we have been asked to provide today. As I said at the beginning, I can appreciate the difficulties at this time of suddenly chopping things off but I do hope that the new minister is going to be as courageous as I know he can be and face this matter courageously and tell the Canadian people exactly where they stand in the age of the spudnik.

Mr. Bryce: Mr. Chairman, I wish to bring to the attention of the new government some of the problems that exist under the Disabled Persons Act. This act has never worked satisfactorily. In my estimation a disabled person is a person who cannot earn his livelihood. People in various provinces who have applied for the disability pension have been denied it because they are not confined to bed or because they are able to dress themselves or for some other reason. I want the new government to do something about this problem.

I believe I have been in every province in Canada and when travelling I always make inquiries concerning the administration of this act. I have learned that in some places the disability pension can be obtained easily and the doctors who examine the applicants are humane. On the other hand it is denied to applicants in other provinces.

I appeal to the appropriate minister to do something about the situation. I appealed to the former minister to call a conference of the doctors involved in the administration of the act across the dominion with a view