

who, though unemployed, or not steadily employed, has his permit and does have—whether he must have or not—his whiskey and beer and wine? In a town to which I was very close in the summer I listened to certain tales of men who were on the streets without employment for many weeks, and who were charitably treated by their fellow-citizens, but who managed, by indirect or other means, to get their daily dole of spirituous liquors. I think it is incumbent upon the Government to use as great discriminatory power as possible to prevent any portion of that money from going to the relief of persons out of work who will not consent to spend it for the purposes of the family and for necessary personal use.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: Would the same thing apply to the consumption of tobacco?

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Now, I thank my co-members of the Committee for the patience with which they have listened to me. The remarks that I have made on this Bill contain those that on general principles I would make upon all. So I have made really three speeches in one, and I commend them to you.

Hon. C. E. TANNER: I wish to take only two or three minutes to give the House some information which I hope is pertinent, and which I happen to have in my possession. When I returned to the city of Halifax at the close of the last session, my attention was called to the fact that steamers arriving in that port were landing immigrants. Being in contact with some officials of the Immigration Department in that city, I learned that such steamers were coming very frequently, and I became so interested that, during July and since, I endeavoured to ascertain the number of immigrants who have landed at the port of Halifax since the first of this year. My desire in that regard was intensified a little by reading the addresses of candidates of the Liberal party in various parts of the provinces, in which they assured electors that the Government then in power had put a complete embargo upon immigration.

Now, I have in my hand a return of the Bureau of Statistics for the six months from January until the end of June, and I find that at the port of Halifax alone during those six months 24,088 immigrants were landed. I was informed that they took train immediately, and practically all of them went to the cities of this country. I find by the statement which I have here that those immigrants came from practically every part of Europe and Asia; that 30 nationalities were

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represented by those 24,088 immigrants. I will read the list if any honourable member would like the information. And I find that in the month of July 1,657 were landed at the Port of Halifax. So the total of immigrants brought into this country during the first seven months of this year, who, I presume, constitute a considerable percentage of the unemployed, numbered 25,745.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Why does the honourable gentleman presume that they are among the unemployed? If they were intended for the farm, would they not have tried farm life for a few months before drifting into the towns?

Hon. Mr. TANNER: They are Albanian, Arabian, Armenian, Austrian, Bulgarian, Czechoslovak, Danish, Dutch, Esthonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Jugoslavic, Latvian, Lithuanian, Persian, Polish and Portuguese. These people are not farmers.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Some of the best farmers in Canada come from those countries.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: Will my honourable friend permit me—

Hon. Mr. TANNER: My honourable friend will allow me to make my speech first. The honourable senator from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) wanted concrete evidence. I have one concrete case right in the city of Halifax which may help him in his conclusions. We have in the city of Halifax a Harbour Commission. The chairman of that commission was the Liberal candidate in July. During the last two weeks before election day the Harbour Commission was able to find work for a number of persons variously estimated at from 800 to 1,200. Very good! We were all glad to see them get work. But within forty-eight hours after the election 800 of them were sent adrift.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: And the Harbour Commission with them.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: I should not be surprised if those 800 are still looking for work.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: They ought to get it from the new Harbour Commission.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: The honourable gentleman who has just spoken (Hon. Mr. Tanner) went over the whole list of nationalities that have come into Canada, and stressed the Persians and other Asiatics. I do not know