

in Manitoba, and my office today is doing business now for their children. They have probated the wills of most of those five men who bought the 240 acres in 1904.

I have related this story because so many Canadians feel that there is a certain element of the Ukrainians in Canada who are communistic in their outlook. I do not know exactly what would be the proportion of communistic sympathisers in my province, but it would be somewhere between 5 and 10 per cent. These people are bitterly communistic, but just as bitterly anti-communistic is the element which my honourable friend and I have been talking about. We have had these new Canadians, displaced persons, come to our city, and they know what Communism is and what it means. Several times they have gone to meetings thinking that they were going to have the pleasure of hearing speakers in their own language; but it turned out that the speakers were getting up and talking about what the Communists were doing in the world. These new Canadians, knowing what Communism is, contradicted the speakers, and naturally a riot took place.

It is my understanding that one-third of these Ukrainians belong to the Greek Catholic Church, one-third to the Roman Catholic Church and the remainder to the various Protestant denominations.

Let me relate another story to indicate just how well these Ukrainian people may be assimilated into our population. During the recent federal election campaign I spoke on behalf of a friend of mine at a certain meeting, and when it was over and we were driving along he said to me: "Jack, we are pretty near my home. It is only forty miles away and I want to take you there for a visit." I accepted his invitation. My friend was an Englishman of about fifty-three years of age, and had come out to Canada with his father when he was only four or five years old. He was married to a fine woman, a graduate nurse and former assistant superintendent of the Winnipeg General Hospital. Well, shortly after we got to his home his daughter came in and served tea and biscuits, and the mother introduced us, mentioning a Ukrainian name in doing so. Presently the daughter's husband came in, a young chap who had recently graduated from the University of Manitoba as a civil engineer. He had been born in Canada of Ukrainian parents. I thought to myself, "Now, there is a challenge to Canada. Who says we cannot assimilate people from another country?" I have mentioned this incident because it illustrates the sort of thing that is taking place in my province.

I have visited the Ukrainian settlements in the northern parts of our province, and many

of their young men and women are graduates of our colleges and universities and are taking their places in the community as lawyers, doctors and so on. For instance, two of the members of the Winnipeg School Board were born in our city of Ukrainian parents and were graduated from the University of Manitoba.

Honourable senators, there can be no better immigrants than the Ukrainians, and so I heartily support this bill. The leader of the government (Hon. Mr. Robertson) and I were together at the United Nations meeting in New York a few years ago, and he will remember as well as I do how bitterly communistic was the Ukrainian representative. But I am delighted that our Ukrainian people are being encouraged by our parliament because they are the best fighters we have in our campaign against Communism in Canada.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. T. A. Crerar:** Honourable senators, I wish to say a few words in support of this bill. Its purpose has been clearly explained by the honourable senator from Toronto Trinity (Hon. Mr. Roebuck). The Ukrainian Federation is not a business organization but a cultural organization, whose purpose is to enable an important element in our population to retain for succeeding generations a knowledge of their culture and their history. Some of the great musicians, poets, writers and dramatists of Europe were of the Ukrainian race, and it is this record which these people desire to perpetuate in this country. Their love and capacity for music is generally known across this whole dominion.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Crerar:** Several of their artists and musicians have become quite eminent, and these people will continue to make a worthy contribution towards the enrichment of our Canadian culture.

I have had a good working knowledge of the Ukrainian people for the last fifty years. I recall that when their early settlers came to Western Canada toward the end of the last century, they arrived in their sheepskin coats and were the objects of much curiosity among the Canadian people. As the leader opposite knows, they went into the rough bush country of Manitoba. But when you go into that land today you will find good farms, homes and schools. The Ukrainians have a deep love for education, and, as the honourable senator from Toronto Trinity has pointed out, their contribution is outstanding. It is remarkable that only fifty years ago the first Ukrainians settled in this country, and yet within forty