

Mr. DESCHATELETS: Do I take it that since the minister has been the head of this department he has not as yet received any official request from the government of the province of Quebec with respect to French immigration?

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: That is correct.

Mr. NESBITT: I am sorry, but I did not quite finish the question I was asking the deputy minister. Could the deputy minister tell us today or at the meeting tomorrow what statistics are kept with respect to each immigrant: sex, age, background, occupation, religion and so on?

Mr. FORTIER: I can give you that statement at the next meeting.

Mr. MONTEITH: Mr. Chairman, I have one or two brief questions. Is the emphasis in the thinking of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration on assisting immigration or on selling immigration? I mean by that, selling the thought of immigration? Is the emphasis on the effort to get immigrants to come to Canada or is the emphasis on the effort to assist those wishing to come to Canada?

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: I would like to answer Mr. Monteith's question, but I am not sure that I quite understand the distinction.

Mr. MONTEITH: I am wondering about the emphasis in the thinking of the department. Is it primarily concerned with assisting immigration, and I mean by that assisting individuals who wish to come into Canada, or is it to sell to people the thought of coming to Canada?

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: We try to do both and as a matter of fact we do our utmost. If anyone comes to our offices and he appears to be a likely person we do our best to get him to come, but this is not our policy in all countries. There are some countries where we do no promotion at all. However, in the United Kingdom, for example, we do our utmost to make Canada appear as attractive as possible so that as many likely people as we can attract will approach us and come to Canada. Now, the amount of effort which is put into promotion varies from country to country and it depends on the attitude of the government of the country and our own attitude. If it is a likely place from which to get immigrants of the kind we want then this would be true.

Mr. MONTEITH: I have another question or two, and I notice that it is practically 12 o'clock and the minister doubtless would like to get away.

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: It is only five to 12 so let us use every minute.

Mr. MONTEITH: I believe there was a report issued about last December which indicated there were some 60,000 Americans living in Alberta who were not entitled to vote. I assume that they are living in Canada and working in the oil fields and so on. How long can they stay in Canada without taking out citizenship papers?

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: As long as they like if they obey the law and behave.

Mr. MONTEITH: How long can a Canadian stay in the United States without taking out citizenship?

HON. MR. PICKERSGILL: I really do not know. I am not an expert on the American law.

MR. MONTEITH: Is it not true that they cannot remain there indefinitely and work without taking out some papers?

HON. MR. PICKERSGILL: That may very well be, Mr. Montieth, but we are trying to encourage immigration. I do not think the Americans are doing so. That is the difference. We think it is a good thing to have Americans come to Canada, excepting certain criminal types and other prohibited persons.