

citizenship with that of private welfare organizations. The Canadian Citizenship Council operates in conjunction with the national organizations and does not take over the functions of the government, in either the Dominion or provincial field.

The report suggests that a small group of people, speaking the languages of the newcomers, should visit them in an endeavour to understand their problems and put them in touch with the various agencies which can help them. The honourable senator from Churchill (Hon. Mr. Crerar) was nervous lest we should appoint a large body of—

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Inspectors.

Hon. Mrs. WILSON:—government officials, but we assured him that that was not our idea, and that the appointments should be on a temporary basis. I feel that such a staff is an absolute necessity, for, as the honourable senator from Blaine Lake (Hon. Mr. Horner) has said, if we do not undertake this work there are, unfortunately, other people who will do it for us.

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: It is not my intention to detain the Senate with a discussion of details of the report, but I should like to express on my own behalf and, I believe, on behalf of other members of the Senate, keen appreciation of the great contribution this committee has made, through inquiries carried on from year to year in connection with the subject of immigration, to the work of the Senate and the fund of knowledge available to Canadians generally. It will be recalled that the work was initiated under the chairmanship of the honourable senator from

Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock), and that the honourable senator from Toronto-Trinity (Hon. Mr. Roebuck) has taken an outstanding part in its activities. The committee has rendered a great public service, and I believe the influence of its deliberations and its reports is widespread. I know that many persons who are interested in these matters have obtained copies of the committee's proceedings and studied them. A willingness not to weary in well-doing but to carry on from year to year, and the number of sittings that have been held, evidence a very considerable activity.

More recently the work of the committee has been carried on under the chairmanship of the honourable senator from Rockcliffe (Hon. Mrs. Wilson), who has had a lifelong interest in these matters, and under whose leadership the rousing, educating and influencing of public opinion, which characterized the initial stages of the work, has most effectively continued. We have before us an outstanding example of the gathering together of information from those who are in a position to give evidence and the imparting of that information to the public for the benefit and welfare of all concerned. For these reasons I have taken this opportunity to express on my own behalf and, I believe, as a reflection of the general sentiment of the house, keen appreciation of the work which began some years ago and has been continued so efficiently and so well by the honourable senator from Rockcliffe.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.