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to have that, if you do not want that, then say so and if that is government policy you will not have immigration officers doing that. As I understand the policy of this government, and as I understand the policy of parliament in the past six years since the end of the war, there never has been, except on one occasion, a member who spoke positively against all immigration. If you have immigration you are bound to have immigration officers who will put forward not the most glowing picture of this country—though they could do so reasonably—but a reasonably optimistic picture encouraging people to come to what they believe is a good country.

Mr. Gillis: I agree with everything the minister has said, but that does not answer my question. What I should like the minister to do at another time is to give us a blow by blow description of how this selection is made, and what happens when these immigrants—

Mr. Harris: I shall give you a blow by blow description of what happened to that particular immigrant if you will give me his name.

Mr. Gillis: I do not know his name, but I shall give you the clipping. You can check on it. There is only one thing I want that inspector in Britain to tell the truth about, and that is whether or not he said there would be a job available when this man landed in Canada, and that he would have a place to live. I do not care what else he said by way of window dressing, but did this officer say there would be a good job and good accommodation when that man came here? If he was so assured, then I think he was misled.

However, I should like a description of just how the selection is made, and what guidance the immigrant gets when he lands in Canada. What does this welfare organization do which gets the \$10,000 grant?

The Chairman: Shall items 61, 62 and 63 carry?

Mr. Brooks: It is ten o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: The only reason I have asked whether these items would carry is that we had a long discussion on the item for the administration of the whole department. On the first item for the immigration branch we had another general discussion. There was a discussion of assistance to immigrants, which is item 63, and field and inspection service, which is items 61 and 62. It was for that reason I asked if these items would carry. If hon. members wish to discuss them further, that is their privilege. It is now five minutes past ten, so I can only report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Brooks: There has been a discussion, but there have been committees sitting all day. A committee of which I was a member sat this morning, this afternoon and this evening. There has been no opportunity for some hon. members to discuss this subject.

The Chairman: The hon. member knows that the chairman cannot be guided by that fact. When we have a general discussion of the administration item there is no way for the chairman to know who is absent because he is attending a standing committee or because he is detained elsewhere. Even if the chairman knew, the rules say that, by practice, a general discussion takes place on the first item, and then the committee continues with discussion being directly relevant to the various items.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): May I ask you, Mr. Speaker, to revert to routine proceedings?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Has the minister leave to revert to routine proceedings?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Martin: On behalf of the Secretary of State for External Affairs I beg leave to table three copies of the report for 1952 of the council for technical co-operation in southeast Asia. At its recent policy session in Colombo the council agreed that this report be published simultaneously by member governments not later than April 24, 1953.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

SEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Hughes Cleaver (Halton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to revert to the order of business for the tabling of reports.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that the hon. member may have leave?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Cleaver: I now present the seventh report of the standing committee on banking and commerce.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Mr. Speaker, on Monday we shall consider the resolution standing in the name of the Minister of