

I want also to say a word with regard to Mr. Hlynka, the former member of parliament for Vegreville. At the federal election of 1945, in which he was returned, a Communist ran against him and received nearly 4,000 votes. Because of Mr. Hlynka's fine work in Edmonton and all over the country in opposition to Communism, these people decided not to put forward a candidate last year, but to vote Liberal in order to defeat him, and this they succeeded in doing. Government supporters may take what satisfaction they can from the fact that Communists helped to elect the Liberal in Vegreville. I was in the district afterwards and, knowing what a fine fellow had been defeated, tried to find out the reason. This is the explanation I got.

Hon. John T. Haig: The honourable senator from Toronto Trinity (Hon. Mr. Roebuck) has referred to Manitoba. I believe the proportion of Ukrainians to the total population is larger in Manitoba than in any other province. Honourable members may be interested in knowing that today, of fifty-seven members of the Manitoba legislature, five are Ukrainians, two of whom were born in the Ukraine and the other three in Manitoba. The father of the present member for Ethelbert sat for many years as a representative of that riding. The son is university-trained and a graduate in law. The provincial constituency of Fisher is represented by a well-educated native of the Ukraine, who has been the sitting member continuously since 1922, and is now deputy speaker. The member for Winnipeg North, one of our new ridings, is a Canadian-born Ukrainian. The member for Springfield—a Ukrainian—is sitting for his second term, although he was defeated for the last legislature; and the member for Emerson, Manitoba-born and educated, is also in his second legislative term.

I had the pleasure and the honour of sitting for one or two terms with a Winnipeg lawyer who was born in the Ukraine but who came here as a small boy with his parents. On one occasion legislation came before the house which had for its object the provision of medical degrees for certain persons with insufficient medical training. This member, who up to that time had been quite reserved, flared up and fought the bill bitterly both in the house and in committee, and largely through his efforts the committee refused to recommend it. I did not understand why he opposed the bill so strongly, and told him so. He replied addressing me by my surname, "Haig, our people do not know the good doctors from the quacks, and they believe that if the standards are lowered they may get incompetent men. You people know them

better and can choose better who should be selected". And he stuck to his guns right through.

My honourable friend from Toronto Trinity (Hon. Mr. Roebuck) mentioned the war efforts of our Ukrainians. I would point out that the only man from Manitoba to win the Victoria Cross during the last war was a Ukrainian born in Winnipeg. I am sure all honourable senators know his record. He was in a burning aircraft, and although he had plenty of time to leap to safety he went to the back of the plane to help the rear gunner, who was trapped. Through his heroic efforts his comrade was enabled to escape, but he lost his life when the plane crashed.

Like my honourable friend from Blaine Lake (Hon. Mr. Horner), I have known these Ukrainian people since 1904. What I say now may be a little personal, but it clearly indicates what kind of people these Ukrainians are. When walking down the east side of Main street in Winnipeg on a fine spring day in 1904, I was met by a group of five Ukrainians. One of them came up to me and showed me a card bearing the name of a well-known local firm of lawyers, and asked me if I could direct him and his friends to this place. I told him it was just two blocks down the street and, having lots of time, I went along to show him the way. When I left these men their spokesman asked me what my name was, and I wrote my name and business address on the back of the card he was carrying. Two weeks later he came into the law office where I was employed as a student and told me that he and his friends wanted to buy a certain 240-acre parcel of land. When I told him we did not sell land, he asked me to find out who was selling this particular property. So I went to the Land and Titles Office and found out who was the owner of this land. Then I went to him and asked what his price was, and he replied, "\$10 an acre". I then asked him what commission he would allow, and he said 50 cents an acre, and told me that I had to be back in a week's time with a certain amount of cash, and so on. Well, I reported to the Ukrainian group what the terms were. Two days later the owner of the land called me up and asked, "Are you the young man who was talking to me the other day about my land"? When I said yes, he told me, "Well, I have changed my mind. The price is \$10 net." So I went to my Ukrainian friends and told them, "Gentlemen, the owner has raised his price to \$10 net per acre. That means it will cost you \$10.50 per acre." To make a long story short, they said that these terms would be all right and that they would buy the land at that price, which they did. Those were Ukrainian immigrants who settled