

well educated; many of them are now doctors and lawyers, others went overseas. By and large our Ukrainian immigrants have proved themselves good people for this country. I should like to see the Government move at once in the direction of a vigorous immigration policy. As I understand the statement we have listened to, these refugees do not wish to go back under a dictator form of government; they want freedom. That is the type of people we need in this country. Our own boys are not returning to the land, and we are wasting millions of acres for lack of cultivation. In my view the present large-scale farming in the West will have to give place to farming on the old basis of smaller farms and more intensive cultivation. In spite of the fact that some immigrants may have to be taken care of, I am, as I have said, in favour of a vigorous immigration policy, for in this country we have a very great need of men who are willing to work.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: We have had a magnificent brief presented to us by Mr. Solomon. I may perhaps be pardoned for saying that he did not need to stress the intelligence of the Ukrainians; he demonstrated it in himself.

Mr. HLYNKA: Flight-Lieutenant Panchuk would like to address the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Before we hear him, are there any questions which honourable members desire to ask Mr. Solomon?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know something about those who come before us, and I should like to ask Mr. Solomon a few questions. Where were you born?

Mr. SOLOMON: In the district of Ashville, Manitoba.

Hon. J. A. McDONALD: Were both your parents Ukrainians?

Mr. SOLOMON: That is right.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Where did you receive your education?

Mr. SOLOMON: At Dauphin College and the University of Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Graduating in—

Mr. SOLOMON: Law, 1934.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: When were you elected member for Emerson?

Mr. SOLOMON: 1941.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: And you were re-elected in—

Mr. SOLOMON: 1945 just recently.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Thank you.

Hon. Mr. CRERAR: Mr. Chairman, I think it might be interesting to the committee if Mr. Solomon would say a word about the history of the Ukrainian people. Their roots in Europe go back for over a thousand years.

Mr. SOLOMON: That is right. May I say this to the committee. I would be only too glad to give the history of the Ukrainian people, but I would not want to take so much of your time to do it. I will give you an undertaking that when I get back to Winnipeg I will send each member of the committee a history of the Ukrainian people by Professor Doroshenko.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: There is just one other question that I should like to ask Mr. Solomon. The Manitoba Legislature, outside of soldier representatives, numbers fifty-five members.

Mr. SOLOMON: That is right.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: How many of the members are of Ukrainian nationality born in Canada?

Mr. SOLOMON: Six.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: And one of them has been a member for?

Mr. SOLOMON: He has been a member for twenty-seven or twenty-eight years, something like that.