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ulated. Thus the problem facing the Island Empire of the Far East of finding a place in the sun for her overplus sons and daughters is a serious one. Within the last fifty years her population has nearly doubled, and, at the present time, is increasing at the rate of nearly 700,000 per annum. The whole of Manchuria is now open to her immigrants, but the Manchurian farmer is one of the best intensive farmers in the world, and he can do more work and live more cheaply than any Japanese immigrant who may be induced to brave the rigours of the Manchurian climate. Australia has always kept her doors closed tight against the Japanese, and Californians are erecting insurmountable walls around themselves, and adopting a hide-bound policy of exclusion against them, and we, who are clamouring for more and more immigrants to fill the unoccupied places in our Dominion, bring in Mennonites and Doukhobors and other peoples from Europe who cause us trouble and anxiety, and we try to keep out those who are spoken of in the highest terms by the authorities as being a polite, thrifty and law-abiding people.

Some Suggestions.

As aliens arrive, before admitting them to the country, we take necessary precautions to exclude the maimed, the halt and the blind, lunatics, people with contagious diseases, and moral lepers. But are the Canadian men and women, who secure these immigrants for us, well versed in all matters pertaining to their own homeland? And are they familiar with the language, customs, habits, institutions and religions of the people they send to us as future citizens? Unless they are proficient in all the issues of the question, how are they able to judge whether the applicants for entry will make the best or the worst citizens?

Then, again, after these immigrants are permitted to enter Canada, is our present system of dealing with them the best possible? Canadians in comparison with other peoples, enjoy a wonderful freedom, and we offer it in its entirety to the newly arrived, who are not familiar with liberty of this kind.

Formation of Isolated Groups Objectionable.

Most of them have been accustomed to strict oversight by officials in their own land, but we leave them to their own resources, with the result that they form little Italies, Hungaries, Russias, Japans and Chinas right in our midst, where they live, speaking their own language, following their own customs and not in any way attempting to become proper citizens of Canada.

We have a right to insist on immigrant aliens measuring up to a certain standard of education, habits and cleanliness. And they should not only be persuaded to conform to the customs of our country, but be obliged to do away with those of their own, which are objectionable and offensive to the citizens who do live up to the required standard.

If Canada could take a more personal interest in the peoples she receives from other lands, and adopt a more motherly attitude in her dealings with them, teaching, guiding and advising them, holding them by the hand, as it were, until they are able to walk alone, the immigration problem would become less of a nightmare to us. If only we have the wisdom to exclude henceforth all immigrants of inferior calibre, and to nourish properly those we do admit within our boundaries, Canada may be the scene of the greatest human evolution which the modern world has witnessed.

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