

THE SWEDES IN CANADA.

During the period which elapsed between 1850 and 1900, over 1,000,000 Swedes emigrated, many went to the United States, where they have prospered. Since the year 1900, about 27,000 have come to Canada. Within recent years, the tendency to leave their native land has not been so much manifested. Probably an agitation by the Swedish Municipal Councils is bearing fruit.

The Swedes within our borders, east and west, are making good citizens. With some defects in character (and no nationality is free from these) and some peculiarities, they form a valuable element of the population. As a people, they are of robust constitution, industrious and frugal, cleanly and neat in their persons and homes; as a general thing, intellectual and mystical. Beggars and illiterates, they hate.

The Swede, man or woman, is ready to work at anything. They do not choose their sphere of labor before coming to this country, and wait around until they can get their chosen work. Be it on the farm, in the workshop, in the lumber camp, the men are ready to do their utmost and the women do not lag behind. They have come to the Dominion to stay, and from all quarters the reports speak of their success.

Their spiritual needs are attended to by the Lutheran Church, but as is the case