

Now as the character of the nation depends largely on the quality of the stock from which it is derived, we cannot be too careful in the scrutiny of the additions which are coming so rapidly to our population. In our midst we have object lessons which cannot be ignored. Those of us who have been in touch with family histories for many years see clearly how much the country has benefited by good immigration, and suffered because of the reception of weaklings and degenerates. We have the facts to go by in regard to this, and so startling are they that there can be no question regarding the importance of a plea for the utmost caution in opening the gates to all classes from the Old World. Any biological student knows the value of artificial selection in the development of distinct types good or bad, and in Canada we have an unique opportunity to apply the laws of artificial selection in a way that will benefit the race enormously. There should be no hurry to throw away our magnificent heritage and we have a duty to perform on behalf of the future inhabitants of this country. Hall has well said: "The question as to racial effects of immigration is not as most people assume, a question between us and the immigrants, but between our children and grandchildren and theirs. We are trustees for the future and with us is the decision what races and what kind of men shall inherit this country for years after we are gone."

The greatest danger to be feared is the deterioration in the average quality of the people of the nation when it is overstocked by immigrants of low type, and experience has shown that where hordes of immigrants of poor class are collected those of better class will be deterred, simply because they do not wish to compete with the occupant of the sweat-shop or low quarter.

In a brief article such as this, one cannot go deeply into the social and economic effects of immigration, but must be content to present a few striking facts in connection with the present influx of foreign born and leave