

these foreigners are poor, ignorant and degraded, both morally and spiritually. It could not be to the best interests of Canada to settle these people by themselves, because by so doing no opportunity is given them of laying aside their old customs and the result would soon be that instead of having a united Canada, we would have a state within a state, which would certainly break down any ideas of assimilation which we might entertain. The evil effects of this immigration has manifested itself in many ways. Years ago a Canadian would receive good wages for his work. Now it is almost impossible for a man to live on the wages paid, simply because these foreigners will work so much cheaper than the Canadian. They have no idea of patriotism, as their only aim is to make money, and perhaps again leave the country. This fact is only too well illustrated by the Chinese, who return to China as soon as they have gathered together a little money.

Mr. Sharp, speaking in the affirmative, failed to see how Canada would be injured by this immigration. The United States has been greatly benefited in years past by immigration and why should not Canada. The fact that these people were dissatisfied with European tyranny, proved that they were capable of larger possibilities, and Canada is the place to develop these characteristics. The fact that a man is poor is no argument, because many poor men have risen to the highest positions in life. There is room for these people in Canada, and it is the duty of Canadians to open their doors and invite them over, and so extend the helping hand and advance the "Brotherhood of Man."

The last speaker on the negative was Mr. J. D. MacKenzie, who showed that the people coming to our shores are of the lowest type of morality, and the influence which they would exert would not be for the best interest of either Canada or Canadians.

Mr. Rothney in a few words summed up the arguments. On a vote being taken, the decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Donald Stewart acted as critic, after which the meeting closed by singing the national anthem.