

settlers that any country can produce. The attention of the world has been directed to Canada through the remarkable development of the West and through that industrial and commercial expansion of recent years, for which, world-wide though it has been, the Laurier Government has not failed to claim entire credit. The watchword of the present Administration in regard to immigration has been quantity rather than quality. The splendid opportunities which we afford and the homes which we offer entitle us to the very best class of settlers from the British Islands, from the United States, and from chosen and selected races of Continental Europe. In future our watchword should be quality rather than numbers. Let us adopt as another article of our policy,

A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bonus system, except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of settlers.

TO PREVENT ROBBERY OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

The people of a great undeveloped country like Canada have within their possession and control an opportunity of solving many difficult questions which have disturbed older communities where conditions have become so fixed as to admit little possibility of change. Canada has a vast public domain, and in that term we should include not only lands and minerals but great franchises national in their character, involving the ownership, development and operation of public utilities, such as transportation, heat, light and other necessary conveniences of the people. I will not do more than allude to the outrageous and scandalous transfer to partisan speculators of enormous areas of public lands, timber and minerals in the West.

The policy of the present Administration has permitted robbery under form of law, and that robbery has been of a more far reaching and serious character than the public at present realize.

Future generations will suffer in order that certain friends of the present Administration may now become millionaires. Let me give but two illustrations of what has been accomplished in other countries with less opportunity than those which Canada affords. In the United States there are vast tracts of irrigable