

more than a touch of sympathy for the hapless English. The papers are full of his troubles, even papers which have every reason to burke the facts. Let me quote from the *Free Press* of London (Ontario), 30th July 1907; it is merely one instance of numbers :

“CHATHAM, 29th July.—A trainload of forty British immigrants, homeless, friendless, penniless, discontented, and prematurely soured on the land they had dreamed of prospering in, was dumped into this city last night. This is the second trainload of paupers with which Chatham has been favoured in the past two weeks. Recently another trainload of twenty families were brought here and unceremoniously left at the station to shift for themselves. They had been without food or sleep for thirty-six hours.

“Those who arrived last night spent the night in the station. Had it not been for charitable local people they would also have been without food. The farmers do not care a great deal about hiring them, because they know from experience that these immigrants from the large English cities are practically useless on the farm. They know nothing about the work.

“Those who arrived to-day were very indignant about the treatment they had received since they came to Canada.

“The condition of things, however, is certainly disgraceful, and it is quite evident that these people have been treated more like swine than like human beings. Some of them had not had an opportunity to change their clothing or wash themselves in thirty-six hours, and they were nearly starved when they got here. Proprietor Miles, of the Miles' Hotel, took compassion on the hungry strangers this morning and brought them all down to his house and gave them their breakfast.

“The problem which faces this city is what to do with these people when the winter season sets in.

“Nearly all the immigrants are married men with surprisingly large families of small children.”

And yet there is a keen complaint of insufficient British immigration. How can one expect anything else? Sir Rivers Wilson, the Chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway, recently lamented that most of those employed on the lines of his company were Italians.