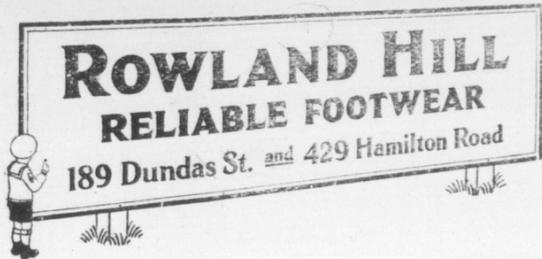


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consciousness and an humanitarian sympathy with the struggles and ambitions, successes and sufferings of the greater part of the human family. Let us look at a few of these causes. Expanding populations are regarded as a primary cause of the migration of peoples. Countries like India, China and Japan, where the birth-rate is high as compared with European countries, are said to outgrow their boundaries and the necessary supply of food resources; and a migration is the result. This probably is not altogether true; but when such countries have opposite them, vast, half-empty regions like Australia, Manchuria and Canada, the desire to settle these surplus populations in them is in a degree reasonable and just. A second cause is that of labour supply. Here the initiative did not in the first case lie with the race supplying the labourers, but originated from capitalistic sources seeking the cheap est, most docile, most abundant supplies. Third, famine and disease have been twin evils in many lands and in many ages which migrants have sought to exchange for health and plenty in other lands. Fourth, government oppression has driven many peoples from their native territories. Two of the most recent cases are from Portuguese East Africa and from French West and French Equatorial Africa. In the former, the native peoples have lost hope of receiving a fair deal and are moving into contiguous countries in the hope of getting better treatment. In the area of the River Shire, villages on the Portuguese side of the river have become depopulated while the British side is full of Portuguese native fugitives. From the latter, the French territories, during the past three years two million people have moved into Nigeria, six hundred thousand into the Gold Coast, and ten thousand into the Ivory Coast and nearby forest lands. These people were scared away by military recruitment, forced labour on roads and railways and wood-cutting in the forests. Fifth, the fear of war and the spirit of adventure are also active agencies in the rise and progress of racial migrations.

Migrations or dispersions are to-day one of the greatest forces moulding the modern world. A distinguished Greek geographer and traveller of the first century wrote thus of the Jews: "They have penetrated into every state, so that it is difficult to find a single place in the world in which their tribe has not become dominant." These statements still hold good. There are Jewish communities in every continent and in the isles of the sea. Perhaps there is no dispersion so world-wide as the Jewish, except that of the British people overseas. The Jewish world population to-day is over fifteen millions, about eleven millions in Europe and the rest in America. They concentrate chiefly in capital cities and financial centres. New York heads the list with nearly two millions of Jews; Warsaw has two hundred and fifty thousand; Budapest, Vienna, London and Paris have large Jewish colonies. Of immediate interest is the recent trek back to the

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