

On the Continent there are seven Canadian doctors whose work is confined to examining all emigrants at the continental ports of embarkation. Previous to this examination by Canadian doctors the Continental emigrant is subjected to a medical examination near his home under the auspices of the steamship company. Quarantine, fumigation and other precautions are exacted at the Continental ports of embarkation in addition to the medical examination by the Canadian doctor.

The suggestion was made that the volume of emigration from the British Isles to Canada was being reduced by the new medical arrangement, but the evidence shows that there has been a greater decrease in emigration from the British Isles to the other Overseas Dominions and to the United States.

The committee was impressed with the fact that the medical officers to whom is entrusted the medical examination of intending emigrants have a serious responsibility to Canada, not only to the Federal government but also to the provinces. It is their duty to ascertain that intending emigrants are physically and mentally fit to take their places and do their share as Canadian citizens. In this connection, and more particularly with regard to emigration from the Continent of Europe the Committee quotes the resolution passed by the Social Service Council of Canada at its meeting recently held in Montreal as follows:

"The Social Service Council of Canada having in mind the burden now laid on the various provinces of Canada in providing for the idiots and the insane, and the unfortunate results of admission into this country of the moron and feeble minded, desires to urge upon the Federal government a continued and strict adherence to the provisions of the Immigration Act, in order that the door may not be open for the entrance of these types of prohibited undesirables."

Owing to the present arrangements a considerable amount of misunderstanding and dissatisfaction has arisen during the transition period. Certain objections were mentioned by witnesses, some of which have already been remedied. The present system of medical examination in the British Isles was inaugurated primarily for the benefit and protection of the British immigrant. The Department of Immigration and the Department of Health should, it is considered, make the most exhaustive efforts to see that the new system is perfected so as to eliminate, as far as possible, inconvenience, delay and expense to the prospective immigrant, and to dispel the idea that there is any intention, on the part of the Canadian government, to restrict or hinder the coming to Canada of British subjects. For this purpose the committee recommends that the present system would be improved and that it would obviate delay and inconvenience to the prospective emigrant, especially those who reside in the rural districts of the British Isles if the examinations were made by British local doctors paid by, and under the supervision and control of, the Canadian medical authorities, who should be located at convenient centres of population.

SPECIAL PASSAGE RATES FOR BRITISH SETTLERS

1. *'Teen Age.*

The Committee approves of all previous efforts to promote and encourage 'teen age immigration from Great Britain and recommends that the age limit for boy immigrants be extended to boys 14 to 19 years of age, both inclusive.

2. *Domestics.*

That the arrangements now in effect for the movement of domestics from the United Kingdom to Canada be continued.