

Mr. Davidge favored the resolution. He thought it would be a good thing if the attention of the Government could be drawn to the question of giving something to have some of those immigrants placed on farms, so that they would not be walking about the streets of the cities doing nothing.

M. O'Halloran said the workingmen themselves were to blame for the present state of affairs. When it came to election times, they ranged themselves under party colors instead of standing true to their own class. The time had now come when they should be one union. Under one banner they could control the vote. More could be done by the ballot-box than with all the petitioning in the world. He agreed that there were too many professional men in Parliament.

J. Booth said the builders' laborers were more affected than any other branch of industry by the present policy of assisted immigration. He thought they should be better organized. These immigrants came out as agricultural laborers. They were taken by farmers a couple of weeks and discharged. These so-called farm laborers came into the cities, and builders' laborers were thrown out of employment owing to the cheapness of the labor of the immigrants.

J. W. Carter thought the part referring to memorializing the Government should be omitted. The Toronto Trades' and Labor Council had done something in that line on this question a few weeks ago, but shortly afterwards he noticed in the papers that a fresh batch of emigration literature had been despatched to England. His opinion was that if agents were required in the Old Country to speak upon this question they should be taken from the ranks of the working-classes. They had among them long-headed and level-headed men who understood the wants of the country, and he thought instead of getting gentlemen of high standing, who went there for their own benefit, they should have some good practical workingmen to cross the water and tell the truth about the country. Then if immigrants came here they would not do so under false pretences. He wished they could devise some means by which they could send two or three workingmen over to the Old Country to lay the true facts of the case before the people.

D. J. O'Donoghue explained that there was no election pending, and the Government would likely continue to bring out these immigrants. In the meantime they should draw the attention of the Government to the views of the Labor Congress. It would be non-

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