

coming to us like the pilgrims to New England for "freedom to worship God," but solely to improve their material condition, and naturally their dominant thought and great objective is their own material advancement. We are supplying them with lands, homes and all kinds of opportunities for material advancement, but we must ever remind ourselves: "Man cannot live by bread alone." The peril of these new communities is that in the effort to gain the world they lose their souls. What are we doing to supply their deeper needs—those unseen things that abide and are eternal? The supreme question in Canada to-day is, not tariffs, or transportation, or commercial or industrial development, but what will be the religious life of these new communities? The churches must act now. Our whole future depends on what the churches do now. Was there ever given to the churches of any land a greater opportunity and a graver responsibility? If the churches fail to give to these new communities the inspiration and uplift of the gospel of Christ, or if they fail to communicate to their share of the non-Christian world a knowledge of their risen Lord and Saviour, should not "Ichabod" be written over their portals, "The glory is departed from Israel"?