

izations. A good many volunteer organizations have, in one form or another, attempted to promote immigration to Canada, but in the end they have always fallen back either upon the Government or the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the essential part of the work, and I do not think they have, all together, done much good. Schemes for assistance, formed on something like the lines of building societies, have also been tried, and I think in every case the money has all been lost or absorbed in expenses or in some other way.

The Government, with a false idea of economy, has dropped out of the immigration work, and although a great deal of the money appropriated in past years for this purpose has been frittered away without much result, the entire cessation of the efforts of the Government is, and will continue to be, most seriously felt; for the Canadian Pacific Company cannot afford to carry on the work single-handed, and its advertising publications lack the authority of a Government document. Something much more effective than Colonial Clubs would, to my mind, be clubs for pounding into the heads of the Ministers at Ottawa a sense of the importance of doing what is necessary to settle up the country. The narrow-minded view which seems now to be taken of this important matter is most discouraging. All who, like yourself, can write and have access to the public press, can do the country the greatest possible service by clubbing the Government until something is done in this matter. Without the lively interest and earnest effort of the Government at Ottawa, very little can be accomplished by individuals or associations.

Yours very truly,
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