

deported. Cattle ships are good enough for them, and I believe there are enough of such ships to deport the alien enemies at the earliest moment possible.

We have, in this Dominion, another class of aliens, and I regret to say that that class, pro rata according to our population, is probably more numerous in the fair province of British Columbia from which I come than in any other province. We have in this country naturalized aliens who were naturalized for a purpose, naturalized not to become true Canadian citizens and to respect the laws and institutions of this country, but for their own personal profit and to obtain, under that naturalization, advantages which belong first to the returned soldiers and secondly to true Canadian citizens. I shall have much more to say along that line in a moment or two.

The Immigration Department, in the past, especially during the regime of our friends opposite, from the time they came into power until 1911, seemed to have the desire to populate this country with classes of people from whose presence we in Canada are suffering to-day. Immigrants from the Balkan States—the riff-raff of Europe—were paid and assisted to come to this country. Such a class of immigrants should never have been brought into Canada. Our great trouble in the Dominion to-day is not with the true Canadian citizens; it is with the alien who is probably, as I mentioned before, naturalized for a purpose. He is in this country as an agitator, to stir up strife. He has no regard for true liberty, nor has he any regard for Canada. The trouble in the province from which I come is with men of the I.W.W. and the Bolshevick type.

Instead of working for the splendid wages they could receive and becoming decent citizens, they are causing trouble and dissension and promoting strikes throughout the province of British Columbia, and in this connection I must censure the Immigration Department for its administration during the past two years. Every hon. gentleman knows that the bars have been let down against skilled and unskilled labour coming into the province of British Columbia. We had at one time all the labour we thought we needed in the province, but when war broke out—practically every man in the province who was physically fit went to the front and did his duty. It was not necessary to conscript a single man, because they all went without a murmur to fight for you and me. The result was that labour became scarce in the province. At the same time, labour was urgently needed to get out the spruce timber

[Mr. Clements.]

which was required in the construction of aeroplanes for winning this war. British Columbia produces more spruce than possibly any other part of this Dominion, and there was consequently an urgent call for labour. The bars were let down, and there followed an influx of labour of the undesirable type I have mentioned. Most of these people are within the borders of the province of British Columbia to-day, to the regret of every citizen of that province, and I hope, of every citizen of this Dominion. Drastic action is required and I trust that in future the officials of the Immigration Department will closely scrutinize every individual allowed to enter this country, in order to determine as far as they can whether he will make a good type of citizen. Rather than have undesirables such as I have mentioned coming into this country, we can all afford to live the balance of our lives in Canada without allowing the entrance of another immigrant.

There is another matter I wish to mention. I commend the Government for passing an Order in Council recently compelling every person naturalized in this country to affix his photograph to his naturalization papers; but the Government did not go far enough. I strongly urge the Government to make the Order in Council retroactive, so that every foreigner throughout this Dominion shall be obliged to have his photograph attached to his naturalization papers. We in the province of British Columbia know that many of these foreigners look alike, and it is hard to distinguish one from another, and some such step as I have suggested is necessary for the protection of true Canadian citizens. Why do I say that? Well, it does not take one of these foreigners very long to accumulate a little stock of money sufficient to keep him in comfort in his native land, and many men who were naturalized before this recent order with regard to photographs go back home and hand their naturalization papers to some pal, who takes his name and comes out to Canada. The privileges of Canadian citizenship are being usurped very often in that way, and I sincerely trust that the minister will favourably consider my suggestion, which I feel it would be in the interests of this Dominion, and especially of the province of British Columbia, to adopt.

As a Canadian, I wish to offer a few suggestions—and I care not what others may say, except that I hope they may agree with me—with regard to the Franchise Act. The present Act must be amended to a very considerable degree, and amended, first,