

honorable and honest minded fellows might have been his lot had destiny so willed it! Had he not been such an optimist, surely then he would not have missed the one grand opportunity of his long life—the rescuing of the food producing land from the conditions of speculation, and to have given himself up to such an object as this alone would be reason enough for hoisting him to the upper house of his country, and no one of his kith and kin would grudge him the honor.

Is the High Commissioner become uncertain in his mental vision, that he cannot perceive that a free people must have free land, otherwise they are not free?

If the best of his characteristics and abilities have been displayed with such poor results, what can be said when he comes across and condemns the policy of his respective employers? Should he not rather long ago in his official capacity, have recommended a more correct policy, which the sparsity of the population of Canada has always shadowed out? The examples which other Colonies have set in the matter of their general policy, was continually before him while in his London office; could he not have picked out from their policy something which would have suited his own Colony?

Is it fair for him to say of the would-be immigrants, to whom he has been lecturing, that because they have not believed in his land policy, "They had become conservative in their habits, they had been in the same locality for generations, they were slow to be moved, they had inherited certain methods of life and habit, and they did not care to pull up stakes and face a new country of which they knew but little; they were content as they were, and for the most part they were deaf to the advantages which might be theirs in Canada," etc., etc.?

With such a disparaging indictment against them as this, what can our brethren in the Old Country think? Can they ever think of entrusting any more of themselves to our tender mercies? Does it not follow in sequence that they would naturally be despised out here? Consequently, they have been all along, and are now turning their steps to other parts of the Empire, there to make their homes.

This is one of the causes for the shortness of numbers proven at the last census.