

this great English-speaking continent is open to them. When in England I have been searched for to visit those bright, companionable Canadian mothers to come and tell their little ones Canadian stories and to talk about the happy days in Canada. They never forget the past. On my last visit, while enjoying a holiday at a beautiful place in Berkshire I had the curiosity to see the whole house. A sister, long since happily married and residing in England, was visiting with me. She accompanied me. In our rambles we found ourselves in the laundry. There was a large old-fashioned English mangle, a long box full of bricks on rollers, with two handles. My sister looked at me "Oh! Edward," she said, "I have never seen one since we used to turn it at home when we were children." It is part of the religion of this country that poverty is no disgrace, but only inconvenient. Like a Phoenix from the ashes, families seem to rise to prosperity and even to fame from the most bewildering calamities. Can there be any more unhappy people in the world than those in the British Isles, with a capital say, of £5,000 to £20,000, giving a precarious income of £150 to £600 a year? Without fault of theirs the increasing wealth around them has made them drift out of the swim of their ancestors. The expenses of higher education and competitive examinations have made family interest of little service in obtaining situations for their sons, and then we hear of "poor little lambs, who have lost their way." There was a time when whole families of such educated and cultured people, having the future of their children in view, bringing with them the discipline, pure life and refinement of an old country home, took ship and were eight and even ten weeks at sea in reaching this shore. And now, with a cheap run of six or eight days with every comfort, finding at the end a country so advanced that all they miss are pageants and pleasure of the eye, to be followed by heartburnings—and still they do not come.

A sower went forth to sow seed. I hope some of this will fall upon good ground and spring up an influential and powerful organization, wholly independent of Government control, to keep up that old-time, vigorous, high standard of emigration which was the foundation of Canada.

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