

SAVING CANADIANS FROM THE DEGENERACY DUE TO INDUSTRIALISM IN CITIES OF OLDER CIVILIZATION

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The prophet has ever been viewed with suspicion, and when, like Cassandra or Jeremiah, his message has been fateful and critical of the doings of the people of his time, such has been received too often with derision and the disturber laughed to scorn.

At a time when Canada from sea to sea is teeming with life and energy, population through immigration increasing by nearly half a million annually, capital to a hitherto unknown degree being brought in for investment, I feel that it is an unenviable task to have to direct the attention of this Association and through it the public to

certain facts which have a very important bearing, not alone on the physical, mental, and moral welfare of our people and nation, but whose results must further become, if the situation remains or increases, as unfortunate for us as have been the effects of similar conditions upon the people of England and are becoming for those of Germany and the United States.

I desire to first direct your attention to the figures taken from the census of the United States for 1910, and that for Canada of June, 1911.

TABLE I (a).
Population of the United States.

	1910.	1900.	1890.	1880.
Total	91,972,206	75,994,575	62,947,714	50,155,783
Rural	49,348,883	45,187,390	40,227,491	35,383,345
Urban	42,623,383	30,797,185	22,720,223	14,772,438
<i>Percentage Distribution.</i>				
Rural	53.7	59.5	63.9	70.5
Urban	46.3	40.5	36.1	29.5
Total increase of United States 1900-1910, 21 per cent.				
Total rural population, 1900	45,197,390	Estimated rural loss without allowing		
Total rural population, 1910	49,348,813	for any natural increase in rural		
Actual increase in census period	4,151,423	immigrants 4,656,815		
Estimated natural increase at 1.2 per		1901	487,918	
cent. per annum	5,423,686	1902	648,743	
Total urban population, 1900	30,797,185	1903	857,846	
Total urban population, 1910	42,623,383	1904	1,020,499	
Actual increase in census period	11,826,198	1905	1,020,499	
Estimated natural increase at 1.5 per		1906	1,110,499	
cent. per annum	4,619,528	1907	1,285,249	
Total U.S. immigration in ten years,		1908	782,870	
1901-1911	8,789,386	1909	751,786	
Estimated immigrant farmers and farm		1910	1,041,570	
laborers, based on data of 1911	2,636,815			

TABLE I (b).
Population of Canada.

	1911.	1901.	1891.	<i>Percentage Distribution.</i>			
Total	7,204,838	5,371,315	4,833,239	Rural	54.4	62.3	67.9
Urban	3,280,444	2,021,799	1,537,089	Urban	45.6	37.7	32.1
Rural	3,924,394	3,349,516	3,296,141	Total increase for all Canada, 1901-1911, 34 per cent.			

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