

you can only do so by constant importation of new sires from the old country, but in the making of a nation statesmen should look at something beyond the mere outward physical characteristics of the individuals out of whom they propose to make a nation.

This is what we ask for, especially in the making of that section of the Anglo-Saxon race which is being built up in this country and this is what we say is not being done.

The English, or British (to me the words are synonymous (for like most Englishmen I claim that all the four great types, English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh, are so knit and blended that no man can state the exact proportion of each blood in his own veins,) the British I say, are not marked *only* by physical characteristics. Those are the least of those things which they share.

God-fearing, and fearing none other; justice-loving, and dealing equal justice to all men: honest but pertinacious traders, who will allow neither geographical difficulties nor race jealousies to close a market against them: sharers in a history which has no parallel: sharers in the speech in which earth's greatest poet, taught men more of man's nature, than man had guessed before, sharers in a religion which has made the world happier and robbed death of its sting, and the grave of its victory, the Anglo-Saxons have common ties and a common heritage, such as no other section of mankind enjoys.

It is not too much to affirm that in the Anglo-Saxon type, man has reached to the highest point of excellence to which he has hitherto attained and whilst it is our duty to do what we can to bring mankind as a whole up to our level, it is at least fair to ask whether it is wise to spoil THE BEST by reckless admixture of the SCUM.

The dogs may pick up the crumbs which fall from the children's table, but there is no reason why they should be asked to sit at that table, mix blood with and share the heritage of the children.

And that is just what is being done to-day. Into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories we are pouring Mennonites, Doukhobors, Galicians, Finns and heaven knows what besides.

Why? They are not of our race, they are not of our religion, they are not like us, in manner of thought, in manner of life, in speech or in history. They have none of those unities which are required for the formation of a nation in the true sense of the term.

We want soldiers, and as long as the world turns round and force is the ultimate court of appeal, we shall need soldiers, and the wider our bounds become the more we shall need them. And yet what do we find to be the leading characteristic of our new settlers.

*That they won't fight.*

The Mennonites were kicked out of Prussia because they would not bear arms in defence of their mother land. They were kicked into Russia

where they refused to bear arms for their adopted country, and thence into Canada where we want soldiers and yet receive these men with a pledge that they shall not be asked to serve.

*The Doukhobors will not fight.* It is the first article of their creed that they should not do so. Russia drafted them off into the Caucasus and put them face to face with wild mountain tribes who would make them fight or die. When called upon to serve their country, after a term of quiet, they burned as a demonstration, a relatively large quantity of arms which they had acquired and presumably used, contrary to their creed, in defence of themselves, and their own goods and chattels, but they still refused to do that for the Commonwealth which they were willing to do in defence of their own private accumulations. When the Commonwealth was concerned their creed applied, when their personal interests, their pockets, were concerned, their creed did not apply. For this kind of citizen Russia has no love, nor has she any desire that they should make proselytes, in which business they were particularly energetic, and therefore Russia has got rid of them and we have the benefit of them.

Of the Galicians, probably the dirtiest people on earth, I am unable to obtain very reliable statistics, but this much seems clear. They are either Ruthenians (little Russians) or Poles with an enormous admixture of the very lowest type of Jew in the world. At Brody the percentage of Jews to any other class is put at 60 per cent by a standard book upon geography and the same work puts the percentage of Jews all through Galicia at something over 11 per cent. Lemberg and Cracow are the only two Galician towns with which I am acquainted, but I believe they are the two principal towns in Galicia, and in Cracow I know that the casual observer would conclude that the whole population consisted of gentry of the Jewish persuasion, shuffling about the streets with the air of mendicants, slippered, long haired, greasy, dirty and depressed to a degree, unparalleled amongst the meanest of mean whites.

I have no religious intolerance, and having lived several years in Russia, I am by no means sure that Russia has more intolerance than I have. She gets rid of what she does not want, because it does not suit her, not because its religion is not hers. She absorbs the men on her eastern frontiers in a way that even England never has done. She makes of Ali Khan (I think if my memory serves me that he was a Tekka Turkoman), Ali-Khanoff, one of her most distinguished generals and although she has persecuted certain Jews who do not like soldiering, or farming, or any of those pursuits which profit the State without hurting the people, she has never shown anything but kindness to the Karaite Jews of Theodosia and elsewhere who are a quiet hardworking, trading people, and amongst the most prosperous of that class of people in Southern Russia.