

study of racial groups, their characteristics and occupations. This subject cannot possibly be overlooked in a new country like this country. Jews, Italians, Greeks; Hungarians, Poles, Russians; Germans, French, Scandinavians; English, Scotch, Irish; all obviously have their outstanding characteristics and occupations, and communities in new countries are always a conglomerate of these racial colours. No rational, scientific immigration policy is possible, therefore, for any country until it has solved some of these racial problems in a soundly scientific way. Indeed the real difficulty with the problem of immigration is that we know so little about it. What is it, I mean, which moves men to move in large masses in the first instance? Why are some civilizations nomads and migrate and others are peasants and do not migrate? The economic solution that migration always moves along the curve of greatest possible economic prosperity is an entirely inadequate explanation. I suggest that comfortable homes, good schools, fine churches and kindly hands and friendly faces have a great deal more to do with this problem than we sometimes imagine. What the immigrant is really looking for is better social conditions, and until we solve some of these questions in this country we shall not be able to settle the immigration problem at all. I do not wish to labour this subject, but it seems to me to be of such obvious and crucial importance to us at present that I have ventured to mention it in this way. I know, too, of no place in the world where these problems can be studied better than in the City of Montreal. It is, I suppose, a vain hope that we should have a School of Social Studies in this University which would correlate more carefully and effectively the work which we are now doing in the social subjects I have named. Many empty spaces, too, would have to be filled in in any venture of this kind. We should need, for example, new Chairs in International Law and Relation, Political Science, Political Theory and Government, Social Ethics, Social and Industrial Psychology, and some additions to the present Department of Sociology. We should also need a new building, because we are at present quite overcrowded in this Faculty, and the cost of library equipment and