

citizens. *I sometimes* think that our present status in the Empire is not conducive to the development of the highest sense of the duties of citizenship. As a self-governitg Colony we enjoy all the privileges of British Citizenship and all the protection of British power without sharing sufficiently in the responsibilities and burdens of Empire. A state of affairs which, however advantageous it may appear to the mind of the opportunist cannot in the very nature of things have any tendency toward the up-building of that independence and ruggedness of national character which has made the citizenship of our Empire the glorious heritage it is to-day and which will best fit us for a defense of our priviliges and liberties in the inevitable times of stress ahead.

I would be very sorry to attempt to deny the right of any man in this free country to go anywhere and take any course which he might consider best calculated to promote his future welfare, at the same time we should not, I think, forget that this right is ours only because we are citizens of a free country and that it is possible to abuse our freedom sometimes unintentionally. We might, with profit, recall occasionally that in the military nations of Ccntinental Empire this very right of self expatriation is denied to young men, and I submit this proposition to you as a reasonable one that in this under-populated country it is quite time enough for any one who wishes to deal justly by his country to leave it permanently when he has already sought in vain an opportunity for the exercise of his energies within it. The great material needs of this country to-day are men and money and altogether too often we are witnesses of a great out-pouring of both from our midst. I recall a case of one of our most prominent Railway Magnates who, having made his millions out of the stock of our National bonused Railways is seeking investment for those Canadian earned millions in an enterprise away down in the Island of Cuba while here in our own country and our own province immense dormant resourses await only the application of capital, ability and nerve in order to repay to their exploiters and to our people at large as well a rich harvest of blessing and profit. I do trust that this monied magnate may not set the fashion to the investing public of this country, but I mention this incident to show that we as Canadians are often careless in reference to the point I am endeavoring to make