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The best and supreme test as to the appreciation of citizenship shown by those resident in a country is their readiness to defend it when attacked or threatened and give up their lives and fortunes in its defence; if such is required.

Our posterity will be able to boast with justifiable pride that it is descended from the Britisher, Frenchman, Belgian, and American of the years 1914-1918. Why? Because the loyal and devoted men in these lands, during these years, were ready to give up their lives in order to repel the invader and overthrow the tyrant.

We occasionally hear mention made of blue blood. There is no better blue blood than that coursing through the veins of the red blooded citizens of the countries mentioned who gave up their lives in order to preserve their respective countries inviolate.

We should therefore, exercise considerable discrimination as to those who will henceforth be permitted to enter Canada in order to share in its prosperity and assist in making it one of the world's great nations. The statistics prepared by the Immigration Department show that for the years 1901-17 the total immigration to Canada was as follows: English, 845,013; Welsh 13,585; Scotch 244,055; Irish, including the North of Ireland known as Ulster, 73,920; the total within these periods being 1,176,574, the largest part of which came from the United Kingdom.

A considerable percentage of these immigrants became farmers and took up homesteads, the rest settled in the cities and secured employment in the various occupations and callings that abound. These immigrants did not leave the land of their birth because they disliked it, but in order to enjoy the larger opportunities which all new countries offer to the young and ambitious.

These immigrants constituted the most valuable source, or (if we may be permitted to term it designate as such), item of national wealth that Canada possesses. Coming from the Old Country, they understand our laws and cherish our institutions. They are thoroughly and wholesomely British. Their love for the flag under

which they were born is as great and as revered in Canada as it was during their residence in the land of their birth.

When war was declared, it was these immigrants, now become staunch Canadians, who, without a moment's hesitation, answered the call of their King and country. In their hundreds and thousands they went over and their life's blood poured out in an endless stream in order that the Hun be kept from the Empire's door. Their deeds and sacrifices will be the theme for the poets, historians, and chroniclers of the future.

If they were asked, it would in all likelihood be their dearest wish that Canada continue to be peopled with those of their own stock. That it remain a British Dominion and provide a home and apportunities for all those who may wish to emigrate to Canada and make it their permanent home. To also be a home and a refuge for the children of those who are no more.

From the standpoint of National solidarity, we should offer inducements to only such immigrants who will coalesce with the bulk of the population already in Canada. Our most desirable immigrants are those who speak the same language as the majority in this country and are not mislead by fanatical narrow-minded propagandists with ulterior motives to serve, and who believe in creating dissension.

We must attract and induce to settle in Canada immigrants from the countries from which the present population of Canada is made up and who will rapidly assimilate and thus bring about that homogeneity that is so essential to national well-ebing. The greater the influx of immigrants from the United Kingdom the quicker will we be able t oresolve the problems that now cause the bitterness that prevails.

While it is true that a considerable percentage of the population of the Dominion of Canada speaks French, and is of a faith different to that of the majority, and that considerable hostility has been shown by certain of their leaders, and that they are opposed to any assimilative process, these self-same leaders and propagandists are powerless to overcome the pressure of forces beyond their control.

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