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Excerpt from speech by C.H.Cahan, M.P.elect, St. Lawrence-St. George Division, Montreal, as reported by Montreal Star, October 16th, 1925.....

"Now I come to the question of immigration. There has been a circular distributed by friends of Mr. Marler, a copy of which I have here. It is called "An earnest notice to all Jews of St. Lawrence-St. George, and to all Jews in Montreal. Read and remember. Those who have been helped by Mr. Marler".

Mr. Cahan then read, to the evident enjoyment of his audience, two letters, referring to the bringing of relatives to Canada. 'You must take into consideration', it ran, 'that as the requirements for bringing anybody in just now are very stringent, in spite of that, I will try my best to help you so that they shall be able to come to Canada as soon as possible'. The second was of a similar nature.

"I am not coming to you because I am a friend of the Jews or a friend of anybody else. I am going to appeal to you as Canadian citizens because you are Canadian citizens and have the same rights as any other Canadian citizen" declared Mr. Cahan.

"Let us deal with it as a Canadian question. Mr. Marler was elected to the House of Commons in 1921, and he had a conversation with one of these gentlemen on December 12, 1922, in which he expressed his great sympathy because his relatives were not allowed to come into the country. And yet the Government which Mr. Marler was supporting in the very next month, January 31, 1923, passed Order-in-Council, No. 182".

Mr. Cahan then read the Order-in-Council which stated that from and after February 15, 1923, the landing in Canada of immigrants of all classes and occupations was prohibited except in the following cases; in the case of a bona fide agriculturist coming to farm with sufficient means to begin farming; a bona fide farm labourer; a female domestic servant; a wife, or child under eighteen years of age, of any person legally admitted to Canada who was in a position to support them.

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"Mr. Marler knowing that" continued Mr. Cahan, "knowing the provisions of the Order-in-Council, on the night of November 6, 1923, eight months after it had been passed, spoke in this very hall to the United Hebrew Political Club. He then spoke to an audience of Jewish people as follows :

"What therefore remains in force? There only remains in force some restrictions as regards the artisan classes, and these, I can say with authority will be removed before next spring, and very probably within three months' time. Then the only qualification an immigrant need have will be a sound body and mind, and good moral character. In other words, we will have the open door to all immigrants who are sound."

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