

MEMORANDUM

December 12th, 1924.

To-day I attended a luncheon given by Mr. C.A. Magrath of Ottawa. There were present Premier Greenfield of Alberta, Messrs. Beatty, Southam, Henry Joseph, Senator Smeaton White and myself.

The topic of conversation discussed was the advisability of adopting a proper immigration policy of which there has been none of a positive character for the last five years or in fact for all time. So indifferent have we become to this question that for the last few years there has been no separate Immigration Department, whereas the matter of immigration is one of the most vital to Canada's best interests existing to-day.

Canada has not taken advantage of the Overseas Settlement Scheme so much used by Australia and other Dominions. We have practically adopted the policy that conditions in our country were so unsatisfactory that it would not be to the advantage of anyone to come and settle here. In fact a feeling has grown up in the Old Country that we do not want immigrants from there. That feeling has been strengthened by propaganda there and here. Much of the propaganda there has been inspired from here. The policy of free grants of land in the past, despite what