

**IMPORTING FOREIGNERS AND EXPORTING CANADIANS**

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"Immigration or Stagnation", is the expression of Mr. E. W. Beatty, regarding Canada's master problem.

Everybody admits the need of augmenting population as a prime requisite to the development of this land.

There are differences of opinion as to the most promising fields to which to look for future citizens.

It seems to me that it may be laid down as a basic principle that the most desirable for us to go after, are our own citizens, domiciled abroad.

If we are going to spend money, and thought to bring in Swedes, Letts, and Italians, why not divert a little of this same effort toward repatriating the exiled native born?

It is high time that we quit hiring out our best for the augmenting of American wealth, while our own Dominion is rendered thereby that much the poorer.

**Call Back Your Own**  
To call back our own in large numbers would be to gain the most promising of all possible immigrants.

One of the chief advantages of such repatriation, if effected, would be the moral impetus thus imparted to the whole field of national development.

What higher attraction could Canada present to other peoples than the sight of her roving sons returning to the lighthouses of their homeland?

The finest advertisement for any country is the fact that that country can keep its own.

If I were an outsider, looking on, the sight of a continual flood of Canadians pouring forth, would convince me that their Dominion was a good place to shun.

On the other hand, the spectacle of a vast heira of native born, moving back, would set my own feet burning for a stampede in the same direction.

Lately I was a passenger on a steamer bound from a Canadian to an American port. The steamer was full of my compatriots, on their way to work for Uncle Sam.

At the same time the local papers of their constituency were occupied as to why they did not get a batch of immigrants that proceeded to another part of Canada.

These papers were so occupied with the problem of importing foreigners that they hardly considered the graver problem of exporting Canadians.

The position of this constituency was like that of a man who was losing his best blood, and who because of strange perversity, was more concerned with the unassimilated food that he might take in, than with his own blood, which was pouring forth.

This constituency presents an extreme picture which happily is not typical. But all the same it forms "a horrible example". Today this section is dead, despite the fact, that it is endowed with tremendous natural wealth.

Sitting one day in one of their industrial plants, the question was raised: "What's the difference between this place, and Pennsylvania?"

From the point of view of natural resources, they were in many respects the same, and yet what a shocking disparity between! Why? Because on the hills of Pennsylvania, a few men like Henry Frick, and Charlie Schwab lived and moved, and had their being.

Supposing that in the early days, the best brains of Pennsylvania, like the Schwabs, and the Fricks, had joined a trek out of that State; it is safe to aver that the industrial development of the state would have been a different story. Perhaps it was with this thought in mind, that Mr. Beatty recently declared, "We would be wise to keep our gates open to Brain, as well as to Brawn."

How much has Canada lost because of the Brain that has gone out of her gates? How much more undeveloped is she because of that talent and genius which she has allowed to drift away?

At a dinner, one night, in New York I saw Dr. George Stewart, and Professor Simon Newcombe, sitting together; one was President of the American Academy of Medicine, the other, Director of the American Observatory at Washington. Both came originally from a little village called Wallace, in Nova Scotia.

Beside me, at the dinner, a friend was thinking on how much these two had contributed to the United States. I was thinking on what great service they had deprived their own country. Perhaps we can afford to give New York a couple of Broadway Traffic Cops, but can we, at this stage of our development, afford to give away a Simon Newcombe?

We have been, for too long a time, in the business of exporting brains to the United States, and then putting up a tariff to prevent them coming home.

**Hold Our Own**  
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saw Buckman Pasha (a native of my home county), flying his flag as Admiral of the Turkish Navy.

Everywhere I've heard others praise the work of my exiled compatriots. But I have always objected. "It would have been far better if they had given the same effort to the development of Canada."

The Greatest virgin estate on earth should be able to occupy even such adventurous souls as Buckman Pasha.

Outsiders, who have not grasped the vision of this new nation, may object to my argument as narrow. To such I reply "There can be nothing narrow in the faithful stewardship of half a continent."

If we had faith in Canada, and in Canada's century (which most of us have not) we could not view the loss of many of our best and ablest, except as a national calamity.

It is well and good for Sir Percy Girouard to build a railway to Soudan, for General John Stewart to build another on the Gold Coast, for Franklin Lane to serve in the cabinet of the United States, for Jacob Gould Schurman to become American Ambassador to China, but what has Canada, as a growing nation, lost because of this dissipation of her talent?

If there is such a thing as patriotism, it is the duty of every home, and of every school to instill in the hearts of its youth a sense of high privilege because they have been born in this century, and in this Dominion. In one of the finest tributes ever paid to Britain, United States Senator Fry, in the American Senate, spoke of her as, "an Empire worth dying for."

The paramount duty for our homes and schools is to present Canada as a Dominion worth living for.

**Encourage Our Own**  
Getting down from the realm of idealism, to the realm of practicality, if we are to benefit by the talents of all, we must afford adequate opportunities for service.

One reason why we have lost so heavily in the past, is because we have been remiss in this particular. It's so much easier to find a place for an ice-cream driver than for a Simon Newcombe.

Genius can find its way in the dark. But genius cannot live on earth and board in heaven. It is taken for granted that youth desiring to serve must do its part toward the creation of its opportunity. But alas, too many have been knocking at the door, only to have the door banged in their faces; as a case in point, a friend of mine, who was with me as a post graduate student at Harvard, applied for a professorship of English in a Canadian University. He was a native born Canadian, a Ph. D., an author of a recognized treatise on Canadian Literature. He had an ideal to come back to Canada. But he was turned

down, and the position went to an applicant from the Old Country, with the result that that young Canadian, in an American professorship at higher salary, is now probably lost to us.

In instancing this case, I am not arguing for any petty policy of "Canada for Canadians". But enlightened self interest demands, that other things being equal, preference should be given to Canadians. A land that offers the maximum of encouragement to its own, in the end, must create the maximum of confidence in strangers.

Our Legislatures are forever discussing undeveloped resources, of water power, of forest, and of mine. Is it not high time that these same Legislatures should give consideration to that vast undeveloped resource of talent and of genius, being lost, because of our inability to harness all our energies.

We had a Department of National Service during the war, through which Canada was able to mobilize all her talent, and utilize them to the utmost.

Having a thought for the gigantic tasks before, even in peace, we cannot afford to lose the service of a single Canadian effective.

If they tell us that Canadians are required abroad, let us reply that, just now, they are required still more at home, required for the greatest service to which they may be called—the building of a nation.

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own indifference to a vexing problem. Canada is in need of all the brains that she produce for the next hundred years. After that, perhaps, she may be able to go back to the export business in that line.

When our tariff making is in the hands of those who think only in terms of bone-meal, and plaster, it is natural that our most precious and most needed product should escape attention. For ten years, as a rover in many portions of the world, I've seen the brains of Canada at work for other peoples, in railroading, in commerce, in diplomacy. Perhaps the strangest sight was on the Golden Horn, where I



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