- (3) PRACTICAL ATHEISM.—Many of these people do not deny the name or the existence of God. They believe that there is a Supreme Being. They were taught about Him, but were never taught the importance or the necessity of letting Him rule in their hearts and lives.
- (4) RECKLESS RADICALISM.—Communistic ideas have captivated the minds of the foreign people more than anything else. They were living before they came to this country under great appression and stern discipline. They could not revolt or even show openly that they hated the situation because they would be put in jail for that at once. Here, there is democracy and they can openly express what is on their minds. They want to destroy the home, the school, the courts, the State and the church. When you present to them the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they tell you that the church always has protected the rich people and it has never protested vehemently enough against social injustice and the selfishness and heartlessness of the rich. They say that the church always glorified ignorance and sanctified poverty. "If the church," they say, "would do in regard to justice as much as it does for war when it is declared, it would justify its existence, but it does nothing. So down with the whole thing."
- (5) BREAKING DOWN OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM.—As you know, in many of the countries from which these people came, the father is the absolute master of the home. His wife and his children must obey his will. The boys and the girls who are earning give everything to their fathers. They cannot spend a cent without his consent. The wives must tell their husbands when they want to buy a dress or something else and if he consents she will get the money to buy it. If not, she must wait until he will let her have it. The children must marry the boys or the girls chosen by their fathers in most cases. Now they tell me that the education which the Baptist churches are giving to the youths creates discontent and strain between them and the older people, by the development of individualism and democratic ideas. They say that we want to tempt their children with candy to go to Sunday School, but our main object is to Canadianize them and separate them from their traditions and their languages. In other words they claim that our whole purpose is to break up their family life and to make them a prey to our ideals and aims. Allow me to say here a word that unless we lead the parents to Jesus Christ, in most cases we shall not be able to win their children either. They