

scorns being fed with a silver spoon, but will roll up his sleeves and tackle without a murmur any obstacle that may confront him.

And how best can we bring them over here? To my mind the best and safest method is to allow families already settled here to bring their relatives to this country, provided they are fit and of the proper type. This will ensure to the country that someone at least will be responsible for them when they get here, and that they will not become a charge upon the country. Of course other supplementary methods could be suggested, but my time is short. And from where shall we bring these immigrants? From any country under God's sun that has the proper, adaptable type for a country like Canada; meaning, of course, a type of the white race that would be amenable to our ideas and democratic form of government. I object strenuously to the suggestion that the central European does not make a good citizen. A good citizen is a man who behaves himself, pays his taxes, does the right thing by himself and his neighbour, and, last but not least, is a sticker. The Germans and Scandinavians make wonderful settlers, but so do the Ukrainians. In a few years they have acquired the language of this country, and an understanding of our institutions as good as the best of them. I think that the member for Saskatoon (Mr. Young) will agree with me that in the institute in his constituency there are about 120 of the finest Canadians of Ukrainian extraction one would ever meet. I repeat that measured by every possible standard the Ukrainian becomes as good a Canadian as any of them. I have said that he is a sticker, and I mean it; for what avails it to a country, if a native born would rather flaunt his patriotism by waving a flag and rocking the boat than putting his hands to the oar. I have seen many of our native born run up a debt and then leave their farms because they would not live within their means. True patriotism, I insist again, also includes persistence and frugality even under trying circumstances.

I know it is hard to be patriotic under trying circumstances, but no man is a true patriot unless he has character; and character after all can only be moulded by a persistent battle with those circumstances. The man who comes out of such an elemental conflict successfully is a man of strong character. It is probably this that the Irish politician had in mind when he said: "Oh, never mind the foreigner, he is all right. In a few years he'll be out of the skinned class into the skimmers and he'll then be as patriotic as any of us." If we wish to make the foreigner patriotic we must meet him half way and give him a

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fair chance in the world. If we wish him to share our responsibilities we must stop discriminating against him; we must stop making him the goat of all our social unrest. Let us remember that it was a central European who risked his life in the Hollinger mine to save native Canadians from death. Surely this example alone should prove that he is actuated by the same high motives as our native born. So why should we not help him instead of hindering him from becoming a genuine Canadian citizen?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. A. E. MacLEAN (Prince): Mr. Speaker I am sure that we were all greatly pleased a few days ago when the Minister of Finance (Mr. Robb) brought down the budget. Believing as we do on this side of the house in the principles enunciated in the budget I think we may at least commend him to a certain degree. There can be no doubt that if circumstances had compelled him to announce a deficit and an increase of taxation he would have been the most unhappy and the most unpopular man in this house. But we are all pleased that the business ability which he has so conspicuously displayed in his private affairs he has brought to bear in handling the financial affairs of the Dominion, with the result that from year to year he has been able to show a steady improvement in the finances of the country. When he presented the budget he said he was pleased to be able to announce a reduction both in the national debt and in taxation; and I think this will constitute another Robb budget slogan for the coming year.

Some of our friends opposite have told us in the course of this debate that the tariff reductions proposed by the Minister of Finance will force into exile more and more of our native born Canadians. But this dismal prediction is not confirmed by the very favourable comments that have appeared in the English press. For instance the London Express says:

The Canadian budget is of a kind to make an Englishman's mouth water. It is one more proof that Canada to-day is perhaps the most enviable country in the world. It is being borne along on a tide of natural and, therefore, enduring prosperity. After all, it is only a meagre reward compared with the certainties of the future. Young men and women of character and pluck should not hesitate. The heritage of empire and chance of fortune are there to seize.

I think that is very good immigration literature and very encouraging proof that the budget is well received in Great Britain. The Sunday Observer remarks: