

spent has produced so great, so successful and so wonderful a result as that expended on the emigration service.

Although it may be a somewhat unpleasant fact, it is undeniable that Canada has (unfortunately for herself) proved merely a training school for a large number of her own native-born children, as well as her immigrants, who have passed over the International Boundary into the United States. Many have returned, if not from the first, then from the second and even third generations, yet the stimulation of immigration is urgent in order to increase the population, which Canada shows every census, and which her undeveloped resources require.

In the last twenty years Canada received nearly three-and-a-half million immigrants, half of mighty London. If she had retained all her immigrants the population would have been double what it is to-day. Was it all because of the great attraction of the U.S.A. in the early days? Or was it because Canada failed to prove attractive to all the immigrants seeking her shores? This is the problem for statesmen to solve.

During that period the total expenditure on emigration was about nineteen million dollars, or six dollars per head. Altogether apart from the value of human beings to a Commonwealth, what is the financial result of securing such a population? Say two hundred dollars of Canada's food products would be consumed by the immigrant during the first year, and at least the same sum every year so long as he or she lived. And as the birth-rate exceeds the death-rate it may fairly be assumed that the immigrant lives twenty years, and that two hundred dollars per annum has been the value of an immigrant, as a consumer who arrived in Canada twenty years ago.

#### **The Financial Aspect.**

The majority of immigrants have to work or starve, so the immigrant earns at least two hundred dollars per annum for the same period. At the cost of six dollars, per capita, Canada has thus obtained a potential producer and consumer worth to the nation in purchase and productive power a thousand times the cost. Multiply this by the figures of each of the twenty years' emigration, and we reach by sheer arithmetic the fabulous value of immigration into Canada for the last twenty years of something between five and ten thousand million dollars.

Canada's immigration policy has been entirely successful, and the expenditure involved has produced results beyond the wildest dreams of the fathers of Confederation. The men and women with character and ability to direct and advise these millions are surely among the most valued of Canada's public servants.

To sum up—in addition to the value that human beings always are to the country of their birth or adoption—Canada has for six dollars obtained a financial return of at least six thousand dollars on each of the generation of immigrants who arrived in Canada during the last twenty years.