

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.

"All the trouble has been with what we call blanket stiff, floaters, drifters, the riff-raff, the flotsam and jetsam of the labor world," said the leader of the B. C. Federation to me.

"You mean outsiders and foreigners who come in?"

"I mean the very bottom dregs of labor. The I. W. W.'s have aimed to organize in the world of labor the same class that the Salvation Army go after in the religious world. They are what we call 'he-camps,' nearly all homeless and many shirtless."

In one aggregation of 2,000 strikers that I visited there were 17 different languages spoken.

In one group of twenty leaders there were only two native born Canadians.

Now, Mr. Average Canadian, look at these facts and chuck your comfortable self-complacency under the chin.

Canada's natural increase is from 75,000 to 100,000 a year.

Canada's foreign increase—immigration—is from 300,000 to 350,000 a year.

In twenty years the foreign factor will outbalance the native born—override and overbalance in the labor world and in the voting world.

"We are going to cast off that which oppresses us—peaceably if we may, but forcibly if we must," says the expropriation propaganda.

In less than twenty years the vote will turn the trick. Are you your brother's keeper, Mr. Complacent Average Canadian?

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I SAID that in less than twenty years the vote of the foreign born will overbalance the vote of the native Canadian. If the foreign born is trained to the use and meaning of representative government—it will be all right; but how is he being trained? Just here, some more matters of fact instead of opinions.

A few seasons ago, the elections were coming on. It was in one of the Western provinces that has received the largest percentage of European immigration. In one city in that province, there reside 20,000 foreigners almost en bloc. The contest was going to be very close. Offices were opened in a certain main street block, which I can name if I am asked. Ordinarily and legally, it takes three years to transform a foreigner into a voting British subject. He must have resided in Canada three years before he can take out his papers. The process is really simple to a fault. The new-comer goes before a county judge with proof of residence and two Canadian witnesses. He must not be a criminal and he must be of age. That is all that is necessary to change a Pole or a Sicilian or a Slav into a free and independent Canadian citizen or British subject fully competent to apprehend that representative government implies duties and fitness as well as rights.

Listen! Take in exactly what it means! The contest was going to be close, very close; and a few of the party leaders could not bear to have those newcomers wait a long three years for their papers of