

cannot be judged according to one standard. If ever we in Canada attain a national ideal, it must be big enough—Catholic enough—to give a place to the highest and best which each class of immigrant brings to this country.

More than missionaries we need interpreters—those who can mediate between the Canadian and the newcomer, who can present to the newcomer in an attractive light the best which we have developed in our social and national life and can, on the other hand, sympathetically present to the Canadian the needs and possibilities of those who are casting in their lot with us.

In our nation-building, plenty of good material lies ready to hand. We need the wise master-builders who, understanding the value of each class of material, can fit each piece into its place in the ever enlarging structure.

Of the forces that are moulding the immigrant the un-organized and undirected are probably the most potent. In his daily work the immigrant is influenced by "the boss," by his fellow-workmen and by the conditions under which he must live and labour. In his free time the immigrant receives his education on the streets, in the moving picture shows, at the dance-hall or in other places of amusement. His training in citizenship comes largely through his contact with the police and with the political agents who at election times are sent to solicit his vote.

The organized and directed forces which are working for the welfare of the immigrant are entirely inadequate. In some places night classes in English are provided by volunteer efforts, in a few cities by the School Boards. Technical classes are open in the larger cities. Instruction in civics is not yet commonly given, either to children or adults. Libraries in the language of the immigrant and educational pictures are provided in perhaps three or four cities in Canada. The churches have as yet failed to meet the situation. Those to which the immigrants belong cannot adequately cover the whole territory, and as they have not adapted themselves to the New World ideals, frequently lose their hold upon their