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Editor's Talk

THE United States is a great congress of diverse peoples somewhat loosely welded into a nation by adopting the Declaration of Independence and then not observing it. Democracy and the dollar and the Fourth of July have made this international congress of ninety millions into a great people without beginning to make them a nation in the sense that France, Germany and Russia are nations.

In Canada we are taking up the white man's burden fifty years later than the United States began to do it. From present indications we are not doing it much better. For several years we have been getting people from Europe at the rate of 400,000 a year. At the present time we have somewhere near a quarter of a million whom, in spite of rigid immigration tests, we do not seem to have assimilated into citizens. At the same time we are letting sift through our national net a million in ten years that we should have kept as citizens of Canada. We are beginning to deport Europeans. In Vancouver the courts have upheld the order-in-council that prevents hundreds of Hindus, "British subjects," from landing. We intend to see that Canada is not a dumping-ground for surplus and undesirable people whom we can't assimilate. An article in this paper two weeks ago depicted the experiences of a willing-to-work man who failed to get work in Canada. An article in this issue deals with the missing million whom for three reasons we have been unable to keep in this country after paying the cost of getting them here. Another writer takes up the case of the willing-to-workers whom we must somehow assimilate into citizens. Beginning next week, a journalistic resident of British Columbia will contribute two articles on the bad national business of Orientizing our Pacific Province.

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