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THE TIDE OR NEW-COMERS.

The tide of immigration flowing to
this country has been growing higher
and higher since the off-year of 1907-
08. The following are the figures:

1907-1908..... 262,469
1908-1909..... 146,908
1909-1910..... 208,794
1910-1911..... 311,854
1911-1912..... 354,237
1912-1913..... 402,432

This year probably half a million
will come, unless something is done to
check the stream.

It must be confessed that while this
country will soon be able to absorb
half a million settlers a year, it cannot
possibly do this at the present time.

The Government statistics make it
clear that the great majority of the
immigrants have been heading for the
industrial places, and the rush in the
last three years to Ontario is very
marked. In 1912-1913 actually a ma-
jority of the settlers remained east of
Lake of the Woods.

Of course, there are no hard times
in the country, and no excuse for a
calamity cry. But owing to the pecu-
liar financial stringency that has got
hold of Canada, as well as other coun-
tries, it is not at all unlikely that even
without added immigration there may
be a good many out of work in the
cities east and west in the course of
the coming winter. Everything is es-
sentially sound, but a period of finan-
cial readjustment is in progress.

It would be better if the immigration
department would at least suspend its
activities for six months or a year, or
even positively discourage Britons
and foreigners, excepting farm laborers
and domestic servants, from com-
ing, until the country has got by the
stringency and digested the arrivals of
1913. In the depression of 1907-08, the
Government promptly took steps to
check the influx with the success which
the figures above for 1908-09 show.
Thus the unemployment evil was mini-
mized. At the same time the Govern-
ment's action in requiring each immi-
grant to be in possession of \$50 did
not discourage any who were fully pre-
pared for their adventure, and soon the
tide rose again, with renewed prosper-
ity, higher than ever. Some step
taken at once by the Govern-
ment to check immigration,
particularly of urban people, for
the rest of this year, may pre-
vent much dissatisfaction and hard-
ship.

OUR BRITISH VISITORS.

The British parliamentary party
have left Canadian shores with a grace-
ful farewell from the official spokes-
man, Lord Emmott. As they passed
through the country on their tour of
observation they were banquetted and
feasted with true Canadian hospitality.
And they made speeches in reply. But
those speeches were far from satisfac-
tory to a certain section of their en-
tertainers. On some questions they de-
clined to express any opinion; and
when they did say anything they did
not say what some people wanted them
to say.

For example, they said they believed
the great mass of Canadians were loyal
subjects and desirous of assisting the
Empire in its naval defence; that
while there was a difference of opinion
as to the mode of rendering that
assistance, it was Canada's business
alone, and Canadians must settle it
themselves; and, finally, whatever con-
clusion Canada reached in the matter,
they believed it would be quite agree-
able to England. But there are quite a
respectable number of our people—re-
spectable in numbers, we mean—who
are not at all satisfied with this. Our
late visitors said Canadians were loyal,
but these people say that a large sec-
tion is disloyal and separatist. They
said that it was for the Canadians to
decide whether they should contribute
money or build their own navy. But
Mr. Borden and his supporters will
not give the Canadians a chance to
say what they want. In fact, he tells
us we will have to accept what the
Conservative-Nationalist alliance de-
cides upon, even if we have to wait
until enough Liberal senators are dead,
and enough safe men appointed, who
will vote as they are told. And, finally,
while our visitors said that whatever
decision we reached would be accept-
able to the motherland, the Govern-
ment supporters know better; they
know that the only plan that will
satisfy the admiralty and the English
people is Mr. Borden's plan, and that
the Liberal plan will only be a cause of
grief and shame. No; the way our
friends from across the water talked
was very unsatisfactory to some Cana-
dians, though we are sure it will
meet the approval of the majority.

Our visitors seemed to be typical
Britons. There are boasters and
bushbodies in the old land as well as
in the new, but their number is not
great. The typical Briton minds his
own business, and expects other peo-
ple to mind theirs. He does not brag

about himself or his country. He is
not all the time waving the Union
Jack and shouting about his loyalty.
He may be perfectly satisfied with
himself and his country, and his insti-
tutions. He may think his own way
of doing things is the proper way, and
he may have a certain half-concealed
pity for others not as fortunately sit-
uated as himself. But he is not talking
about it all the time. He goes calmly
on his way, and does what he thinks is
right, leaving other people to attend
to their own affairs without his inter-
ference. Perhaps if we had a little
of the same temperament, and showed
more of the British characteristics, it
might be all the better for us.

WAR OR PEACE?

The Mexican crisis awaits the arrival
in Mexico of John Lind, the personal
envoy of President Wilson.

The situation is dangerously deli-
cate. President Huerta has intimated
that Lind will be non persona grata.
The Mexican acting minister of foreign
affairs bluntly says that Lind will not
be received unless he brings a formal
recognition of the Huerta Administra-
tion.

If Lind calls on Huerta and is re-
fused an interview, the insult to the
United States will be severely resented
by the American people and will bring
the two countries to the edge of war.
It is surmised that Lind will run no
such risk. He goes as a spectator of
events on behalf of President Wilson,
without diplomatic office or authority.
No official status could be conferred on
him without the Senate's consent. Evi-
dently he has instructions to report to
the President the evidence of his own
eyes and ears, and to check the state-
ments of retiring Ambassador Wilson,
the partisan of Huerta. A formal call
on Huerta may, therefore, not be an
essential part of his mission.

It is probable that unless trouble is
precipitated by either Lind or Huerta,
President Wilson will take no action
until Lind makes a report. It may be
that the recognition of Huerta will
follow, as the only solution of a diffi-
culty which cannot be prolonged with-
out inviting war.

Mr. Lind's mission carries great re-
sponsibilities. The eyes of his coun-
trymen are upon him. A false step,
an unguarded word, may wreck the
machinery of peaceful diplomacy.

Perhaps some day the level crossing
will go the way of its victims.

There are hard times in Italy and
the proletariat is in revolt. It is the
aftermath of war, with its waste of
capital. A nation cannot have its
cake and eat it, too.

Nearly all of Russell Sage's \$80-
000,000 is to be spent on schemes of
social betterment. This is good, but a
reconstruction of social conditions
which would prevent one man from
grabbing \$80,000,000 would be better.

The airship has taken revenge upon
the Anglo-American Cody at last. He
was among the first and most daring
pilots of the air, and performed a
great service for this branch of the
British army. He had been flying in
all sorts of machines for years, and
seemed to bear a charmed life.

The Minister of Labor says Canadian
workmen are not capable of laying the
foundations of large buildings. Conse-
quently he has allowed Americans to
come in and do this work at Ottawa.
But Canadian workmen were useful on
election day to vote for the candidates
who told them they would lose their
jobs if reciprocity carried, and cried:
"No truck or trade with the Yankees."

FASHION HINT.

Our inclination is to make no further
allusions to the funny kind of clothes the
women wear, but we feel it necessary to
observe that the present modes are not
adapted to the kitchen, nursery or the
pails.

AT THE TOP.

[New Orleans Picayune.]
There's always room at the top, but the
trouble is we sometimes can't push the
other fellow off.

HER CHOICE.

[Judge.]
Edna—What do you think of these
cousins of mine?
Edith—I'd rather marry one of those
rich old fellows with only one lung.

NURSERY CHAUVINISTS.

Canadians who trample the American
flag in the dust in an ineffectual patrio-
tism are not extremely irritating. They
are merely juvenile and lack judgment,
but their lack is not so conspicuous in
their case as it is in the case of the citi-
zens of the United States who in Canada
make an offensive parade of the flag.
They invite the affront which generally
is respectful compared to what would be
the response of American juveniles to a
similar provocation on this side of the
line.

The nursery Chauvinists here and in
the Dominion ought to be spanked, given
a bowl of bread and milk, and sent to
bed.

PACKING FROM COMEDY.

[Judge.]
George—Rudolf, go downstairs and get
me some excelsior.
Rudolf—Excelsior? What's that?
George—You know, that stuff that looks
like hay.
Rudolf—Oh, that long sawdust.

ECHO FROM OLD REN.

[Washington Star.]
"A woman never admits that she was
wrong."
"I don't know about that," replied Mr.
Meekton. "A number of them seem an-
xious to prove that they showed pretty
poor judgments in selecting husbands."

DON'T MISS THIS.

[Ladies' Home Journal.]
If a woman has one daughter, who
goes away, the Mrs. misses the Miss.
If she has two daughters, and both are
away, the Mrs. misses the Misses. If she
has three daughters, and all three are
away, the Mrs. misses the Mrs. and the
Misses. If she has four daughters, and
two are at one place while the other two

are away from home, and separately, the
Mrs. misses the Miss and the Misses miss
the Mrs. and the Miss misses the Mrs.
and the Misses and the Mrs.

CHEAPER THAN WAR.

[New York Evening Post.]
No one can deny that it would be
much cheaper to buy out every Ameri-
can investor in Mexico than go to war
in his behalf.

A THOUGHTFUL SON.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
Father and son were sitting on the
porch step with the lawn mower a few
feet away. They looked at each other.
Then they looked at the mower.
"Dad," said the youngster, "you're
getting too stout."
"Am I?"
"Sure, it's a pity, too. Jack Perkins
told me yesterday that his dad had re-
duced his waist measure four inches."
"How?"
"Pushing the lawn mower."

GETTING USED TO IT.

[Pittsburgh Post.]
"Why do you fish every morning in
the bathtub, old man? Is it a bet?"
"Oh, no; I just want to get used to
not catching anything. Am going on a
vacation soon."

SOME DAY.

[Victoria Times.]
It was a courteous act on the part of
the commanding officer of the United
States fleet to accept an invitation to
send a contingent of warships to
Victoria during the celebration. There
is not a remote possibility that some
day we may be in a position to return
the compliment.

NEW YORK AND LONDON.

[New York Times.]
The population of Greater New York
is, in round numbers, about five mil-
lions; that of Greater London about
seven million and a half. The old
English town seems to grow so rapid-
ly as its young rival on this side of
the Atlantic.

TWINKLE! TWINKLE!

[Harper's Young People.]
Wilbur—Do they always keep that
big bell on the cow?
Yes, Wilbur.
Wilbur—I suppose it is to keep her
from falling asleep in this quiet place.

TOOK 826 BUSHELS OF WHEAT

OFF 20 ACRES AT STRATHROY

Crops All Through the District Are Away Above the Average,
Oats Especially Being a Record
Yield.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Strathroy, Aug. 8.—The crops in
the district surrounding Strathroy are
the best in years. The hay, while fair-
ly heavy, was the lightest of all field
crops.

Wheat is an excellent sample, yield-
ing from 30 to 40 bushels per acre on
an average. Russell Parker, two miles
west of Strathroy, threshed 826 bush-
els off 20 acres. All the yields were
bountiful.

Oats are a banner crop, and many of
the pioneer farmers of the district say
that they never saw as good a crop
standing. They are estimating a yield

of from 50 to 70 bushels per acre,
which is far above the average.

Money in Peas.

The pea crop, of which most was
sown for canning purposes, is turning
out beyond expectations. Johnston
Bro., of Kerwood, realized \$196 from
three acres of the canning factory var-
iety.

Barley promises a good yield, as well
as corn, the latter being late from be-
ing sown by June frosts.

Potatoes are far above the average,
but a little late, nevertheless.

Crop Competitions.

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