

of them, unfamiliar with the language, customs, climate, with no assured work, generally with very little money beyond the amount required, and with absolutely no idea at all of the great distances between the sea coast and the different points in Western Canada. Many of them can neither read nor write in their own languages. They are ignorant and helpless, and we cannot wonder that they oftener than not become the prey of unscrupulous money-makers.

In the United States, the immigration problem has now become a difficult one to handle because of what one writer calls the "general stupidity of a previous generation" which neglected to care for the strangers. Now, almost every large city has its "Little Italy" its "Russian Jew quarter" its Hungarian Greek, or Armenian section and some have their "Chinatown."

What does this segregating of different elements mean but a failure to assimilate these nations who have come across the sea? And what is there to prevent Canada from finding within her borders similar conditions?

Nothing: unless we decide to learn a lesson of prevention from our Southern neighbors. Like them, though to a less extent, we have encouraged immigration. The foreigner is a