

in their several and separate Houses of Parliament, in regard to taking a fair share with the Motherland in discharging its responsibility and duty in regard to finding and founding homes for the poor industrial classes, resulting from British over population. But they have rather been taking aliens under their wings, not that they should by any means despise these, for they are morally our equals, but they have been encouraging this class and ignoring their own brethren from the Motherland, which is nothing less than despising their own kith and kin, who speak their own language. They have been founding homes and organising communities of strangers and giving them privileges and leaving their brethren to come and go unnoticed, or to become a prey to the "sharks."

No scheme was ever put forward by Sir Charles Tupper or Lord Strathcona in their official capacity to relieve the large increase and over population of the United Kingdom or even to advance such a theory. Lord Strathcona admitted to his employers at Montreal, as their High Commissioner, and made considerable show, by ostentatiously observing that he had told the would-be emigrants how much they were losing in not coming over to Canada. But what did he offer them? Nothing. Indeed, little sympathy could a rich, luxurious man have or gain with the honest pure-minded wage earners who are working for ten shillings a week, with wife and family to keep and rent for a cottage to pay out of that, but few of these rich men know what it means to owe the baker for bread and no money to buy the next loaf.

If Lord Strathcona did not treat these poor people he lectured as entirely beneath him, let him explain himself. To talk of his taking refuge under his belief in "optimism" is mere subterfuge and sham.

What virtue, pleasure, or comfort can there be in entertaining Lord Strathcona's belief, as an optimist! Is his mind of such low order, that he thinks to escape responsibility by holding such views? Does he expect to be let off by his Judge?

I say again, foreign governments see our short-comings and laxity in dealing with the public domain and take advantage of it, Our Governments listen to company promoters from anywhere, but to honest, fair-minded men they will not listen. But they only make a show of stopping clandestine schemes and unreason-