

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

legislatures go on annually voting thousands of dollars for the maintenance and support of neglected children, while practically no organized efforts have been made to remove the causes which produce such children? It is quite true that economic and social conditions, arising from a heavy tide of immigration, have much to do with this problem, and it is also true that in the pioneer stages of a province's development such conditions are bound to exist to a greater or less degree; but every effort should be put forth by our provincial statesmen to see that the number of neglected children is reduced to a minimum. Is it not too often the case that an attempt is made to ease the public conscience by providing funds for the maintenance of these unfortunate children, while little or nothing is done to mitigate or remove the evil?

A worker in a city mission gives the following typical cases of the poorer foreign homes. These are cited by the Rev. J. S. Woodsworth, who is one of the best Canadian authorities on the subject of racial assimilation:

"Jacob Lalucki is employed in the Canadian Pacific Railway shops. He is a Ruthenian, his wife Polish. They are both Roman Catholics, but occasionally attend a Protestant Mission. They have two young children. They live in one room, and have nine boarders, and the wife goes out washing.

"Michael Yakoff and his wife are Russians. They have four children. He has only one leg,