

of new settlers to Canada, comprising a very large percentage of women and children, and visiting Canadians and visitors of international repute who have witnessed the new exodus have declared that they have never seen finer people sailing for overseas. It must be a matter of regret to all public men in England that the Old Land is not able to retain these strong and virile members of the race. However, if they cannot be kept in the British Isles it is only right and proper that they should find a home somewhere within the Empire.

Only the other day the Under-Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs in Ottawa stated his views emphatically upon this important question. He presented the Imperial idea of retaining within the Empire every desirable person; and as it is the duty, so it ought to be the pleasure of those already established in the Dominion to extend such a welcome to those who come to help in Canada's development that the word "emigrant" should hereafter be a word of merit and honour.

The Uprooting of Family Ties.

In dealing with many thousands of men, women and children, including whole families, one has to have broad business sympathy with those who are tearing up the family tree over here by the roots and propose to transport it five thousand miles to a new land, plant it, water it with the tears of hope and desire, that it may take root and grow in its new place, contributing to the welfare of those immediately concerned and the commonwealth of the Canadian people.

The officials who can do this are Canada's very finest public servants, applying an amount of human insight and personal experience not required or available in any other public service. To fail once means disaster that cannot be recovered.

Not merely by the energetic development of trade are nations made great or good. They must also rely upon the physical and mental strength of their inhabitants, their morality, their manhood and womanhood, their ideals, hopes and achievements. Not for trade—not for material gain—did Canadian troops leave Canada at the call of Empire, and the one-time despised emigrant was amongst the very first to leave his new home and amongst the first to achieve immortality by making the supreme sacrifice for the Empire. Canada in those critical days learned to appreciate those "immigrants" at their proper worth.

Value of an Immigrant.

Not yet have the scars of war and the bitter animosities between nations disappeared, but as no man can live unto himself alone, so must nations, sooner or later, once more attain that amity and comity which help the development and increase the greatness of the Empire.

There have been admitted to Canada in years past many foreign-born settlers; some have fallen foul of the authorities, but the vast majority have proved an asset to the country which received them; and while many of them still continue