

tion and British law in the great and last new West. There will always be the ebb and flow of population, but I think the time has come when the Government and the people of Ontario should concentrate their efforts upon the advancement of the older portions of Ontario and to the development of New Ontario. The efforts of the Dominion Government and of the C.P.R. with respect to immigration have been and are now directed solely to people the West. The stream of desirable settlers has passed through our province.

No act of the present Government is more to be commended than the steps they have taken to enter seriously upon the business of securing the transfer or transplanting from Great Britain and Ireland to the Province of Ontario of farmers with more or less means WHO MEAN TO FARM, and of farm laborers who will, after learning the methods of Ontario farming, ultimately take up homesteads of their own.

We resent the appellation "colonist" when applied by public men and newspapers in the old land to residents of this country. It might be wise, as far as possible, to cease to use the word "immigrant" when alluding to the class of people whom the Province of Ontario has set out to find in the mother country. Both terms are to a certain extent opprobrious. The people of this province are here because their parents or grandparents moved from one part of the British dominions to another. Had they not made the transfer the only Canadians would have been the Indians. It is a great honor to be a native of Canada, but no native can claim any credit for the fact.

I know that lists of available properties in a good many sections of Ontario have been prepared and are being circulated among the right people in the Mother Land. This action will cause a demand and a competition for farm lands in the province that has not been noticeable of

late. This condition is somewhat singular when you think that of all the men who have goods for sale the farmer is the only man who is not obliged to advertise or drum up trade. The dealer in all his lines of produce and products are on the spot competing for the privilege of buying his goods. When it becomes known through reliable sources in the old land how fine are the opportunities offered on Ontario farms, the demand for farms will be as brisk as the demand for farm products. The business must, however, be prosecuted in the intelligent and systematic manner in which mercantile houses and manufacturers accomplish success. I would like to see the effort extended towards repatriating Ontario's sons who have gone to the States and to the Northwest.

NECESSITY FOR A RURAL CONSTABULARY ON AN EFFICIENT BASIS.

The inefficient condition of police protection in the rural districts of the province is frequently manifest. Life and property are constantly menaced and under present conditions there can be no improvement. The formation of a responsible Provincial Police Force, having a centre of authority in Toronto, which would train, control and direct the constables throughout the various counties is highly desirable.

MUNICIPAL SINKING FUNDS — A WISE MEASURE PASSED.

As a member who has had long continued municipal experience, which is often the stepping stone to a seat in this House, I would like to draw attention to the facilities which the Provincial Treasurer has created for dealing with sinking funds raised and set apart for amortizing or extinguishing debenture debts and to congratulate the Treasurer upon his action. If such a plan had existed in