

To all of us who have a proper sense of responsibility and of our kinship with the whole Empire, and considering our position as being nearest to England as the centre of the Empire, it must be demeaning to reflect that Canadians should be so few in regard to numbers, when we consider the age and possibilities of this colony, for this part of the world was one of the first colonized. Not that we should be boastful over our sister colonies, in respect of our possibilities, but we claim the fullest equality with them—and all should be aware that every part of the Empire, both small and large, has to undergo the process of growth, in respect to their possibilities, but on account of some cause or other, yet unfolded, this country has been left almost out of the race as compared with the rest of the Colonies, on account, it is believed, of her not having had in the past proper and faithful attention.

Can Sir Charles Tupper or Lord Strathcona reveal the harmful secret? They have been in harness long enough, therefore they must have known and been fully aware of all which has taken place and their eyes have witnessed the bread producing land being frittered away, especially in this most westerly portion of Canada.

Foreign governments have noticed the laxity shown in this respect, and sent as many settlers as they dared. All such things as these have been kept in the background for some unexplained reason, but the thing has become so glaring that the Ottawa Government has sent over a Commission to enquire into the cause and their report is looked for shortly.

In every nation on the globe with regard to temporalities and right to vote, the citizens stand first, the aliens second. If this were not so the confusion and difficulties would be numberless, chiefly because their habits and mode of living are altogether different, and at once render them absolutely unfitted to take an equal place among the nation and people in which they have been domiciled—an instance of this kind has recently come under notice in this province. An indiscriminate class of Japanese, totally unacquainted with our language, has been made by a few strokes of the pen into citizens of the British Empire. Can anything be conceived of more unreasonable than this? But the whole plans of management of the province are of a piece with it.

Not any of the Governments of Canada, from the one at Ottawa to the little one at Victoria, has ever organised any debate