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THE PROBLEM OF NATIONALITY

HALF the world exists for the sake of supplying people to the other half. North America, including Canada, is the greatest area in the world for human transplantation from other countries that have any degree of civilization. The United States set the pace in this peculiarly American process of assimilating races and languages into a more or less homogeneous people. The process is still going on, and looks as though it might last out the century before that country, from the miner to the man who signs checks in five figures, produces a national character as distinct as England, Germany or France.

In the process of building a new nation out of several old ones, Canada follows along fifty years behind the United States. The attitude of this country towards this problem is an interesting subject for discussion. Shall the Ruthenian and his log shack be assimilated and the Hindu with his turban be kept out? What limit shall be placed on Oriental immigration and what encouragement shall be given to the agricultural worker from Europe? What system of assimilation can be adopted that will make real Canadians of people who speak a score of languages and are steeped in foreign customs?

Writers in this journal are trying to get Canadians to answer these questions. A leading article in this issue deals with people we got and lost again when we should have kept them. In subsequent issues other writers will contribute ideas concerning people we have got and do not know what to do with, and people who desire to settle in Canada when we do not want them.

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