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The Bonus Evil

There is no doubt that the bonus principle has been carried to excess in connection with immigration and has become an evil which has already resulted in this new land being sown with the wild oats of the old world. How the bonus system has been abused is well illustrated through the North Atlantic Trading Co. disclosures which resulted in the cancellation of that contract, but which, unfortunately, did not stop the evil, for the government continued to pay the bonus to private booking agents. There is no doubt that we have reached a point where a more discriminate selection of immigrants must guide the department, not only to protect the industrial trades of the country but to insure the settlement of the land with good citizens. This question has become a live issue in our national affairs, and the government cannot afford to be heedless to the warning note sounded in parliament a few days ago which is re-echoed in every province of the Dominion.

Dealing with this matter Mr. Monk in a very able speech submitted figures from returns to show that a small proportion of our immigration settle on the free lands of these western provinces. The total immigration to Canada from Jan. 1st, 1898 to Dec. 31st, 1907 was 1,170,886 and the total bonus money paid was \$781,613.97. Of that immigration the highest percentage that went to the land in any one year was 25 per cent., while several times it was down to 11 per cent., the figure for the last fiscal year. This also includes the free land taken up by settlers from the older provinces, which may be taken to offset the number of immigrants who settled on land purchased. We know that the bulk of the immigration has gone to the cities of the east while twice as many have settled in the province of Ontario as have come to Saskatchewan.

We want all the immigrants we can get, if they are the right sort, but the bonus system is bringing people who if they were not rounded up by the speculating booking agents would not come to our shores.

Mr. Verville spoke in the House of Commons a few days ago against the bonus evil and voiced the sentiments of the labor unions all over Canada.

Mr. Laverne made a very significant statement from his place in parliament when he said last year as a result of the bonus system 15,000 people were out of work in Toronto and 5,000 children of these immigrants died of starvation in that city. Mr. Laverne quoted from a former speech made by Mr. Oliver as follows:

Hansard, Vol. XLII, No. 82, page 6833:

But let us see what the minister said himself when he was plain Frank Oliver. In 1902 he used these words:

"Let me say further that it appears to me to have been a mistake in the past to have spent 'so much money as we have in 'paying bonuses for steamship companies for the conveyance of immigrants, and for this reason: We made the steamship companies by that means our 'immigration agencies— 'Where is the difference this year? If we are not making the steam-

ship companies our immigration agents, we are making the men who sell tickets on those ships our booking agents.

"and it did not make any difference to the steamship companies what the character of the immigrant was, or where he was from so long as they got the bonus. It seems to me, from my point of view, that this is 'a most undesirable system and 'a most undesirable expense, and 'I would ask that it be not continued. . . . To depend on 'the steamship companies' is to 'put a premium upon the worst 'rather than upon the better."

"That is what I said a year ago, and what the hon. member for Jacques Cartier said tonight: 'I would like to say still further and to urge upon the 'House at large, upon hon. members who come from all parts of 'the Dominion, that the immigrant who is the most benefit to 'this country in every way, is 'the man of our own blood, 'namely, the native born Canadian, who finding it necessary to 'shift his ground, must go either 'to the United States or to the 'Canadian North-West."

"I will prove that this government has been directing immigration from other countries, and opposing the movement from our own east to the west. But the minister, when he still plain Frank Oliver, in 1903, said this: 'Something has been said, I understand, about paying bounties 'or commissions to induce immigration. To my mind, if ever 'there was need for that system, 'that need has passed."

Chief Justice Meredith after passing sentence a few days ago in Toronto on an immigrant who was convicted of murder, said before relieving the Grand Jurors of their duties:

"The immigration question at present is a matter of the greatest importance to the people of this country. There seems to be a unanimity of opinion that the people such as are being dumped into this country are of a different character, and will not blend well with the people of this country. The doors should be closed against the introduction of degenerates. Recently a prominent physician pointed out to me that over sixty per cent. of these immigrants are afflicted with dementia-precox, which means that their mentality is exceedingly low and of the degenerate type. They are the most incurable class, and likely to live a number of years at the expense of the country. I hope that the Grand Jurors will speak out at every opportunity and that the Dominion and Provincial governments will redouble their efforts to keep out this class. Under the present law, the government has an arrangement with the steamship companies whereby undesirable immigrants can be deported at the expense of the company, but this method has its obstacles, and some better means must be devised if we are to prevent the influx of such classes into this country."

A Good Policy

The Dominion government is now considering the deepening of the upper lakes waterways to twenty-four feet to compete with Buffalo. This is a policy which the people of this province will heartily approve of. If our water facilities do not keep pace with the railway development in the west, the "hopper" will over run at the head of the lakes, and the grain growers will suffer. Besides there is no reason why so much of our grain should go to Buffalo. Canadian trade should stay in Canadian territory until it reaches tide water so as to

build up the carrying trade at home. The deep waterway will mean cheapness of transportation and this will result in a much higher market price to the producer. The government will find that the west will support the deepening of our waterways.

Press Comments

(Commercial, Winnipeg)

The general impression is that the business situation here during the past year will have a very beneficial effect on the country for years to come. One good feature of the stringency has been that any 'boom-spirit' that existed has been toned down to a steady, substantial or solid business spirit. In any country, when things seem to go like a whirlwind, with people stopping at nothing in the swift march forward, even those who have most faith in the outcome are liable to fear occasionally that a disastrous halt might come about. But when business goes on coolly, and everybody exercises reason and patience, a greater soundness seems to pervade the business atmosphere generally.

We venture to say that after this, capitalists in Eastern Canada and outside countries will have greater confidence in our resources and be more willing to invest here than they would be in the rush and bustle of two years ago. Business is good in this part of Canada now, and will be much better later on, but we do not even desire such a rush that even optimists will fear to tread in the wild excitement.

We do not wish for a slow 'pokish' movement of commerce, but we look for a hearty, sensible, healthy forward stride, which is what we are now enjoying. We venture to say, then, that the reforms brought about by last year's conditions will be followed by the inflow of a great stream of confident, sober-minded capitalists into western Canada, who will show such an appreciation of our wonderful resources as we have not yet discovered.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

It is very likely that the average citizen has never perceived the wider significance of this familiar sign, "Wanted-Man." It expresses the demand not only for men to help in carrying on the industrial work of the country, but in an equal degree does it make manifest the greater need of this and every land. In the simple two word sign is contained a world of significance. It indicates what might be said to be Canada's greatest need. It might truly and wisely be written large so that all men might see and know,—"Wanted-Men!"

There are men—and men. There are those masculine bipeds who have certain faculties that are termed human, and which differentiate from the rest of the brute creation. They are men principally because they do happen to belong to any other genus, possessing all of the form, however they eat, with a fork, live in a house, and wear clothes, and in all outward matters deport themselves in a purely human way. They might be made into a special class, too, by reason of their special human sins.

But it must be remembered that manhood does not consist merely in the form. There must be the form plus the fact. The clothes must be supplemented with the character. The man must be possessed of the manhood. He is not merely a vertebrate, but one who makes good use of his backbone. He is not merely a creature with a moral sense, but a creature with a moral sense that is not merely one who is able to do, but one who does, and does rightly and well. There are men—and men.

It is Man the country needs in every department of its life today—Men and manhood and sterling worth and stiff backbones. There are plenty of masculine masqueraders with consciences creased no less than their clothes, and whose backbones never interfere with their entering any low-door or profitable expediency. But what we need is more men whose manhood is manifested in terms of strong character and lofty ideal and unswerving loyalty to the noble and true. We need men who are not swayed from their base by every surge of influence, and who refuse to enter any door which compels the lowering of any worthy ideal.

In business life we need men. The temptations of the present time to enrich oneself at the expense of one's fellows are irresistible to one who has not developed the full force of his manhood moral power. The influences that play upon one who is engaged in trade are so strong that the weak must inevitably give way before them. It needs a strong man indeed to retain his purity of purpose and his integrity of soul amid the swirl and grime of the industrial world.

In politics we need men. There are many who are willing to be led around as the servile and obedient vassals of a politician or a party. There are many who vote with the crowd, and shout for any cause that has fair promise of success. But we

need those who are willing to stand alone, if need be, for the principle that appeals to them as being right. We need men who will dare to stand out against the majority, and become political pioneers for justice and truth. We need men who are not to be bought with a price, and who will not barter themselves or their influence for any gift that is offered by any corporation or financial trickster. Let every citizen realize this great need, and realising it, do what he can in his own life and character to supply the need.

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Magistrates disagree as to guilt of Chinaman.

The charge against Mack Sing for keeping a common gambling house at his premises on Osler street was considered by Magistrates McCausland and Redgrave over Good Friday, the evidence and arguments being closed on Thursday evening. The result was that Magistrate Redgrave favored a conviction while Magistrate McCausland held an opposite view. Both magistrates gave their reasons. As a result of the disagreement the charge will have to be dropped or a new trial ordered.

Judicial Sale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND TITLES ACT and in the matter of a certain mortgage made by William Henry Coard, dated November 10th, 1906, so Thomas W. Cunliffe, upon Lot Number 10 and the South Half of Lot Number 9 in Block 340 in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan, registered as Number 1-5246.

PURSUANT to the order of the Honourable the Chief Justice made in the action of

Thomas W. Cunliffe Plaintiff
 —and—
 William Henry Coard and The Union Bank of Canada Defendants.

There will be offered for sale at the Sheriff's office in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan at Twelve O'clock noon on Saturday, June 27th, A.D. 1908. All and singular the following lands, viz: Lot Number Ten (10) and the South Half of Lot Number Nine (9) in Block Number Three Hundred and Forty (340) in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan.

TERMS: The purchaser shall pay Twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money at the time of sale and the balance upon delivery of the transfer duly confirmed within one month 47-4

after the sale and subject to further conditions of sale approved. All particulars may be had from the undersigned.
 ALLAN, GORDON & BRYANT,
 Solicitors for Plaintiff
 3-11 REGINA, SASK.

Judicial Sale

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND TITLES ACT and in the matter of a certain mortgage dated the 29th day of May, 1907, made by Peter Johnson to The Great West Life Assurance Company upon Lot 33 in Block 313 in the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, registered as No. 1-898.

PURSUANT to the order of The Honourable Mr. Justice Lamont made in the action of

The Great West Life Assurance Company Plaintiff.
 —and—
 Peter Johnson and John Ernest Sahnou Defendants.

There will be offered for sale at the Sheriff's Office in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan at Twelve O'clock noon on Saturday the 26th day of June, A.D. 1908.

All and singular the following land, viz: Lot Number Thirty-Three (33) in Block Three Hundred and Thirteen (313) in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan.

TERMS: The purchaser shall pay twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money at the time of the sale and the balance upon delivery of transfer duly confirmed within one month after the sale and subject to further conditions approved herein. Full particulars may be had from the undersigned.

ALLAN, GORDON & BRYANT,
 Solicitors for Plaintiff.
 2-8 REGINA, SASK.

Judicial Sale

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

Pursuant to the Order of The Honourable Chief Justice Wetmore made in the action of

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY Plaintiff,
 —and—
 PHILLIP MANG, Defendant.

There will be offered for sale by the above named Judicial District, at the Court House at the City of Regina at Twelve o'clock noon on Saturday the 9th day of May, 1908, ALL AND SINGULAR the following lots of land: viz: Lots number One (1) and number Two (2) in Block Nine (9) in the Townsite of Balgonie in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Terms: The purchaser shall pay twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money at the time of the sale and the balance upon delivery of the transfer duly confirmed within one month after the sale and subject to further conditions approved herein. Full particulars may be had from the undersigned.

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