

**SEATTLE AND VANCOUVER** Says the Seattle Times, under the heading, "The Unemployed of Vancouver, B. C.": "A business man, who, of course, desires his name to be withheld from the following information, says that he feels in justice that the people of Seattle and Washington ought to know the truth.

"The writer states that he is led to write the article because of the stories he has read in The Times about those unemployed—and tell how the number has been greatly augmented. He says—

"When the pronounced depression over British Columbia and Canada became apparent last summer, the exodus from Vancouver and vicinity of the unemployed in general to Seattle began, and increased with each succeeding month until Vancouver has, comparatively speaking, been practically free from the 'Bread Line' which would have been rightfully hers had not this exodus taken place.

"And then what did British Columbia do but obtain an order from the Immigration Department enabling her to refuse admission to these same unemployed when they, not finding work in Seattle, sought to return to Canada.

"As a consequence, Seattle is caring for a large portion of Vancouver's 'Out-of-Works' this winter."

Then The Times proceeds: "The American people, as the inhabitants of the United States are usually called, may consider themselves astute business men—but they do not hold a candle to the immigration officers of Canada.

"To enact a law, or establish a rule, whereby impoverished people seek work in the United States, and, finding none, attempt to return—they are excluded as aliens, is a sharp piece of work that may be defined by other words than 'national economy.'

"To speak right out in meeting and call a 'spade a spade'—such conduct on the part of British Columbia officials looks like assisting to get rid of the unemployed by permitting them to go to a neighboring country, and then when they fail to obtain work in that country, to exclude them as undesirable citizens.

"This casts a reflection on these men who apparently are worthy and at the same time shirk the responsibility which belongs alone to British Columbia cities, and especially to Vancouver."

Now, The World does not mind calling a spade a spade; it does so quite often, indeed; but it considers it "bad form" for the Seattle Times, or any other paper or person, to say it is calling a spade a spade when, as a matter of fact, it is a shovel which it so describes. The poor who may have gone from Vancouver to Seattle must have been citizens, not of Canada, but of the United States. The recent regulation of the Dominion Immigration Department does not bar Canadian citizens from coming into British Columbia. No regulation ever devised on this side of the boundary line ever did. No regulation ever will debar Canadian citizens from entering their own country.

A good deal depends upon the point of view, of course. We protested against the way Harry Thaw was hustled across the boundary and back into the States, and some people went so far as to write of him as a desirable citizen and other things even more admirable. There are two youths in jail at New Westminster who have been sentenced to death for murdering a Vancouver policeman. Both came from south of the line. But why multiply instances? Enough to say that not one Canadian citizen in Seattle is prevented by the new immigration law from coming into Canada.

The World has no sympathy with a city council which "shirks the responsibility" of caring for the poor, finding work for its unemployed; and it has repeatedly denounced the present council for doing so; but Vancouver does not unload idle citizens on Seattle. No, siree! as they say over there. In Vancouver there is a point at which public opinion compels even the city council to draw the line at—ahem!—Economy.