

# FEWER IMMIGRANTS COMING THIS YEAR

**Foreigners** Have Not Where-  
with to Aid Compatriots

## SHIPPING AGENTS PINCHED

Have Not the Ready Cash to Loan for  
Passages at Ten Per Cent.—Auth-  
oritative Reports of Trade Depres-  
sion Will Retard Britisher.

According to the "powers that be" of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the year 1914 is not likely to see any increase in the number of immigrants to **Canada**, while there is a possibility of a distinct falling off among those who will leave Europe and the British Isles to seek pastures new in the land of the maple.

The financial situation has been so clouded over for a time past that the foreigners that are out here have had enough trouble to keep themselves above water, without lending passage money to friends across the sea; moreover, to take the case of the Hebrew who wishes to assist a brother, he will not remove his hard-earned savings from the bank, so he goes to the shipping agent, pays so much of the *passage money* down, and the balance by installments, paying ten per cent. interest on the money thus loaned, for the shipping agent has to pay spot cash to the steamship lines. But this year there are a number of agents that will not have the capital necessary to indulge in the not unprofitable business of selling passages on the hire-purchase system (at ten per cent.), for money is too tight for a number of them to finance themselves satisfactorily. The result is an automatic check on a considerable amount of the foreign immigration trade.

In the case of British immigration for 1914 things are different. A considerable number of authoritative reports have been circulated in the British Isles to the effect that there is a period of trade depression in **Canada** at the present time, and these reports have been backed by many-tongued rumor, so that it is expected that the British who would under ordinary circumstances have emigrated to **Canada** this year will defer doing so until the pendulum swings back to prosperity and booming times.