

ENDLESS CHAIN OF MEN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

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Who Declares Coming Winter
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"The hard times of last winter are not over yet," said Rev. J. M. Miller, head of the Presbyterian work among immigrants in Toronto, in the course of a sermon in Erskine Presbyterian Church last night. "Employment in Toronto is disheartening hard to find. And the West is just now beginning to feel the hard times. The coming winter will possibly be much worse than last.

"I find conditions so grave," went on Mr. Miller, "that this morning, when I was preaching at Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church, where 90 per cent. of the congregation are Old Country people, I warned them that if they had any friends in the motherland who were planning to come to Canada, to write to them and tell them not to come unless they had made sure of a job awaiting them."

Mr. Miller told of the endless chain of men who call at the immigration offices of the Presbyterian Church, on Simcoe street, and that one Scotsman, who had beaten his way all the way from Vancouver, told him that as many as 60 men had been on board the freight train, beating their way from town to town, not as tramps, but as desperate men in search of work.

Mr. Miller expressed strong censure of the action proposed by the Government to deport the foreigners who are unemployed.

"Just because they made a bit of a demonstration the Government proposes to thrust them out, who were coaxed and begged to come to this country by immigration agents. There is too much contempt in this country for the foreigner. We bring him over with great promises, we use him for our rough work, and when we are done with him we plan to get rid of him.

"In the 35 biggest cities of the United States, the majority of the population is foreign, that is, not Anglo-Saxon." Mr. Miller said that since 1900 a million foreigners have entered the United States annually, and half a million entered Canada annually.

"Now, the States had 80,000,000 people to assimilate this million each year. Eighty to one. And still the population is foreign by a majority in the cities. Yet Canada has only 8,000,000 to assimilate a half million annually. Four to assimilate one. That is Canada's problem."

Mr. Miller explained what the churches were doing to bring about the assimilation, but he said the problem would increase with the years, this century being Canada's, and it was a problem requiring the prayers and earnest consideration and effort of all Christian Canadians.