

CANADA'S FUTURE CITIZENS.

In spite of the great influx of immigrants during recent months, it is evident that the Dominion authorities are exercising due care with regard to the quality of these prospective citizens. Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Immigration, has shown in the interviews published since his arrival in Canada that the entire staff are fully alive to the necessity of keeping out all undesirables, and are active in seeing that the regulations are strictly enforced. It is anything but a kindness to transport or assist in transporting people who, through mental or physical defects, are unable to become self-sustaining in this or any other country, and are certain to be deported and returned to their former homes. It is in the ports of embarkation that the work of inspection is most effective, and results show that it is being carefully carried out. From the standpoint of Canadian citizenship, as well as in consideration of actual burdens on Canadian taxpayers, it is wise and necessary to see that none is admitted who does not conform to reasonable requirements.

Mr. Walker states that the emigration work of benevolent organizations in the old land gives him considerable anxiety. It is natural that in their zeal they should occasionally help to transport undesirables to this country. Full credit must be given for the good work they are doing, not only in improving the life outlook of many who need only the larger opportunities of the new world, but in aiding the Dominion to people the northern and western areas and secure needed labor for a period of development. At the same time it is well that our officials should continue to insist on a high physical standard, and to require a medical certificate in every case where an emigrant in Britain receives aid either from the State or from a benevolent organization. It is a tribute to the growing popularity and prestige of Canada, and also to the excellent immigration policy of the Government and the activity of the staff in charge of the work, that 64,911 British immigrants arrived in Canada up to June 1st of the present year. Last year's record for this period was 48,227, a gain of about 35 per cent.

By a radical change in the bonus system payment is now made to passenger agents on such emigrants only as have had actual experience in farming and kindred occupations in Britain, and who intend to work at farming or as railway laborers in this country. The bonus has been increased from \$1.75 to \$5 for each adult, and the result has been to stimulate the activity of agents in all parts of the country among the classes specially desired in the Dominion. Bonuses are withdrawn from all other classes, and while the Dominion is eager to welcome mechanics and men of courage and ability in all walks of life, the grants are strictly limited to farmers and railway laborers. By this policy the Government will avert all danger of crowding the cities with men who might find it difficult to secure employment or maintain themselves during the winter months. The immigration policy is working out satisfactorily. It is bringing to Canada the best representatives of the various classes in the mother country, and the Dominion still affords the broader opportunities through which they can develop into the highest types of good citizenship.