

## ADDRESS ON IMMIGRATION.

"Canada's greatest social problem is that of immigration." The foregoing statement was made Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by W. W. Lee, national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., before the men's association of the McDougall Methodist church. "It is the most difficult and perplexing question we have to deal with today," continued Mr. Lee, "and the demand for efficient leadership and united action on the part of the Canadian people has never been more urgent or necessary. Every day for the past eighteen months there has been on an average of 133 non-English-speaking people who have come to the Dominion to take up the duties of Canadian citizenship. In other words, nearly 70 per cent of the total number of immigrants are foreigners. For the most part the newcomers are rough, uneducated and illiterate. They have none of the essentially good qualities which characterize the Anglo-Saxon race.

"They are pouring into our coast cities by the thousands, and this western country has begun to feel their influence along with other portions of the country. Like a great horde, they have swept down upon us until there is no phase of our national life which

has not become affected by them.

"Under the right conditions and with the assistance of just laws, the foreigner will not become a menace to Canadianism and the peace of this country, but permitted to follow his own inclinations he may be the means of destroying the entire fabric of our commonwealth.

"Edmonton is no exception to other cities. The problem is here as elsewhere; the peril is just as imminent here as in any other part of Canada. I think that it is your personal duty, each one of you, to see that you play your part in helping to deal with this problem. A unique home mission field is open to you. It is up to you to guide and direct, and in every way possible, to assist the newcomer in broadening out his perception of true citizenship and right living."