

IMMIGRATION IS A MENACE TO CANADA

Montreal, Que., May 8.—There was a spirited discussion on the subject of compulsory education this morning growing out of the recommendation that there be a law compelling children from five to fourteen to attend school.

Mrs. A. C. Courtice of Toronto, wasn't in favor of such a move. Children of five were sometimes physically ready for school and sometimes they were not. Pathologists were not at all one on the question.

Mrs. Adam Shortt, of Ottawa, in speaking on the recommendation that immigration be censored, said the stream of undesirables encouraged by such papers as John Bull in England, was fast becoming a menace to Canada. The British Women's Immigration Association was exempt from this criticism.

The wives of those in receipt of five thousand a year were not affected by this condition, but for the middle classes the domestic service problem was the most burning question. In London, according to Lord Eustace Percy, there are hundreds and thousands of boys who drift out into uselessness. Could they not come to Canada and succeed as farm laborers in the summer and as pages and assistants in the winter season?

Mrs. L. A. Hamilton considered that there would never be a sufficient supply of domestics until the profession was made attractive by the standardization of hours and of pay.

Prof. Carrie M. Derrick of Montreal contended that there was no trade or profession in which women could not compete with men on equal terms.

Mrs. Liddell of Montreal read the report of the committee on objectionable printed matter. Fifty thousand immoral postcards printed by one firm were seized and destroyed.