

## SEEK IMMIGRANTS

The chief thing to do for Canada when the war is over, is to re-start the stream of desirable European immigration towards these shores. We should exert every effort to make known, as never before, to the war-devastated countries of Europe the unparalleled attractions offered by this country to people peaceably and industrially inclined, desirous of finding homes and of making their livelihood where peace and plenty prevail, where the spirit of true democracy dominates, where militarism and despotism are alike unknown, and where the evil effects consequent upon the war will earliest wear themselves out, and the benefits, if any, prove most secure and most lasting.

We should make these people understand that a hearty welcome awaits them here not only by sentimental appeal, but also by substantial material aid. By thus turning the tide of immigration back to this country we shall add to our own prosperity, and at the same time confer lasting benefit upon thousands whose outlook in the old world, as a result of the war, can never be anything but hopeless.

While this seems to me to be the greatest service we can render to our country when the close of the war brings about more nearly normal conditions, there is one other task to which I believe our statesmen should set themselves without delay. The great lesson to be learned from the war is that no nation, acting singly and alone, can ever hope to achieve that military and naval preparedness that will render her immune to attack or ensure her peaceful possession of her rightful "place in the sun." Least of all can Canada, with her comparatively sparse population, her great expanse of territory, her all but limitless sea coasts and borders and her peculiar economic problems, so hope to achieve such immunity.

The war has shown us that for uncountable generations to come Canada cannot hope to stand alone. Our statesmen, then, should early seek to bring about our country's closer association in that confederation of nations owing their birth and their allegiance to the British Empire, and comprising Great Britain and her self-governing dependencies, which will permit a lasting alliance in which each shall bear her proportionate share of the responsibilities and burdens necessary to the protection and preservation of the whole, while conserving to each that full measure of autonomous self-government best calculated to enable her to develop her own peculiar institutions.

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