

MORE SYMPATHY FOR FOREIGNERS

Urged by Speakers at Anglican Synod Meeting in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, June 3.—The two great questions of temperance reform and immigration came up before the second morning's sittings of the Anglican synod here this morning. In the discussion on the question of immigration Canon Gill, the novelist, made the statement: "Any man who will let an old foreign woman, who has likely done a hard day's washing, stand up in the car just because she has a shawl around her neck instead of a sun bonnet on, it no man at all." The canon went on to plead for a more sympathetic attitude toward the foreigner, and said the great thing was for the church to educate their own people to understand that the foreign women who did their washing were not necessarily inferior because they spoke a different language.

Hon. G. R. Coldwell backed up the canon, and declared that from his experience in school matters among the foreigners, he found that sympathetic dealing was the only way to approach them successfully. He also said that they were everywhere improving remarkably, and Canadians would have to look to their laurels soon, or the foreigner would prove better than they.

Rev. G. H. Broughall told of a Polish friend who had made known to him the objection of the foreigners to the word "assimilation" as it reminded them of the forcible assimilation to which they had been subjected by Russia and other countries.

On the question of temperance Rev. J. J. Roy made the remarkable declaration that the Anglican church as a whole was not sympathetic to temperance reform. "There is a tendency in our church to stand by the liquor interests." Mr. Roy said that in the country the people were inclined to favor the "banish the bar" proposal, but at the synod any temperance reform proposal was defeated every time it was introduced. Other speakers followed along the same line.

A motion was introduced looking for an uniform book for the recording of births, marriages and deaths throughout the Dominion, and this was passed on to the general synod, which meets in Vancouver in September.