

SEEK TO SOLVE ALIEN PROBLEM

Christianity Would Make For- eigners Helpful Canadians, is Opinion of Methodist Conference.

WINNIPEG, June 14.—How the alien problem in Canada can be solved was a topic discussed at the Manitoba Methodist conference yesterday. Christianity, it was declared, could make them helpful Canadian citizens.

Rev. Dr. James Endicott, general secretary of the foreign missionary department, mentioned home missions as the solution of the so-called alien problem. There was not, he said, much choice as to what could be done with the aliens. It was possible to shoot them or drive them from the country, and it might come to one of these courses unless they could be made into helpful Canadian citizens through the process of Christianity. Christianity was the only bloodless solution. The Christianity of the woman teacher who was nurse, instructor and friend in need to a foreign community, and the Christianity of the man who died after nursing a settlement of "aliens" through the influenza epidemic was the sort that would solve the alien problem. It could not be done by passing pious resolutions, or waiting for a miracle. The Canadian church had met a supreme challenge in her own country and must gird herself to meet it. "It was a downright shame," said the speaker, "that hundreds of thousands of persons have been admitted to the country, yet are not Canadians, are not Christian, are not of us. If we cannot share with them our ideals, our religion, our very life, we should not bring them here."

Educational Programme.

Dr. J. H. Riddell, summarizing the educational programme, explained that the plan to raise \$750,000 for educational institutions of the church in Canada was formed with the idea of appropriating about two-thirds of that amount to the west. A great share, he said, will go to wipe off debts, but about \$100,000 will go to erect new buildings for the college at Belleville, and about the same amount toward increasing the endowment fund of Wesley College. "If we are faithful," he said, "in 25 years Wesley College, like Victoria, will be free from debt, and will have outgrown her days of trouble and struggle."