

CANADA IN DANGER.

REV. MR. WOODSWORTH SUGGESTS WELFARE COMMISSION.

Influx of **Foreigners** Into the West Giving Rise to a Condition More Serious Than That Faced by United States.

Some suggestions pointing to a solution of the racial problems arising in the Canadian west as a result of the rapid influx of the European races were given at the Canadian Club yesterday afternoon by Rev. James S. Woodsworth, B.A., Superintendent of the All People's Mission of Winnipeg. After presenting the problem in its various phases, and emphasizing the dangers to social, political, and moral life bound to develop from it, Mr. Woodsworth strongly appealed for the formation of a permanent Welfare Commission to be modelled after the Conservation Commission and composed of men "above party bias or religious bigotry." From their study of the immigration problem and from the advice they might then be in a position to give a solution might be reached.

A most convincing illustration of Mr. Woodsworth's contention that **Canada** is rapidly becoming foreign was given by the exhibition of a Winnipeg school register. He showed that of a total registration of 590 only forty-five were Canadian and one hundred and thirty-nine English-speaking. A more serious condition was that few of the **foreigners** passed beyond the lower school grades, and that almost a third of the children of Manitoba were not attending any school. A quarter of the rural schools were bilingual, which means that, as well as French-English schools, there are Ruthenian-English schools, Polish-English schools, and an agitation for Yiddish-English schools. "It seems to me," said Mr. Woodsworth, "that the whole system is vicious, and that we ought to rise above our political differences and do something for the boys and girls of this country."

"In Manitoba a third of the constituencies are controlled by the Gallians alone. We should impose an educational test before granting the franchise, for many of these people regard their vote as only a marketable asset. We should not take in more of these people than we can look after, and we have not lived up to this standard."