

# WEST END NEGLECT CAUSE OF TROUBLE SAYS POLICE CHIEF

## Pays Tribute to the Upright- ness of the Foreigner, Who Needs Canadian Advice

Chief of Police Vincent gave a very interesting talk on immigration to the Rotary Club last evening, in which he referred in very complimentary terms to the foreigners resident in the city. He said that the great majority of them were men of sterling character, and meant well. Unfortunately for themselves, many had wrong ideas about the institutions of the country.

"It is a fact," said he, "that many foreigners carry around large sums of money on their persons, because they have been led to believe that the banks are unsafe."

Referring to recent police court cases, Mr. Vincent said that some of the men who had got into trouble through breaking the law with regard to seditious literature in war time, did not mean any harm.

"They were simple men who would believe anything," he said, and his remedy for the whole matter was that the alien should not be left to the agitator. Instead of that patriotic Canadians should interest themselves in his welfare, should cultivate him socially, and should make it their business to advise and inform him.

"I find the people of the west end hospitable, kindly and well meaning," he said, "and I place the blame for any trouble we have had or may have on the shoulders of those of us who do not do our duty to these people. We neglect them, do nothing practically to show the interest we really have in them and then we wonder why they get wrong ideas about our institutions."

The address made such an impression on the club that it was decided to give an evening to the discussion of the subject, with the idea of launching an active campaign for a better acquaintance with our fellow citizens in the west end.

The Soo had Italians, Bulgarians, Serbians, Germans, Finns, Galatians and Russians said the chief. He thought the club might arrange to have a couple of fellowship meetings every month in the west end with the idea of getting acquainted there. These meetings could be addressed by prominent citizens on subjects of interest. The west end would certainly give a courteous hearing and would meet any friendly advances half way. Mr. Dunlop of the Y. M. C. A. was at present carrying on a work in the Ukrainian Hall. Last winter when he made an appeal for citizens to go to the west end and attend a big meeting only two responded.

Mr. Vincent also pointed out the need of quarters where delirious or insane people might be cared for temporarily. To send these to the jail, the only place now available was to almost cut off hope for their recovery.

Mr. David Kyle and Mr. E. W. Shell explained the War Stamps Saving Campaign and the entire club pledged themselves to assist. A committee of Messrs. A. W. Lawrence, W. H. Pomeroy, A. D. Sinclair, E. Jacobs and W. J. McCormack, were named a committee to look after addressing every gathering in town for two weeks.

Mr. W. F. V. Atkinson addressed the gathering on the duties of a forester, and gave a mass of most interesting detail on the subject.

Mr. H. J. Hollinrake presided.