

## THE INSTRUCTION OF FOREIGNERS.

Foreign quarters where alien racial characteristics and ideals are fostered form an unfortunate feature of most of the cities, as well as of large portions of the Western prairies of **Canada**, and little or no effort has been made to promote among them the ideas and duties of Canadian citizenship. To help to train these newcomers for a place in the life of this country is the object of a small volume, entitled "Handbook for New Canadians" (Toronto: The Ryerson Press), by Mr. Alfred Fitzpatrick, B.A., Principal of the Frontier College.

From their long experience as instructors in the lumber and construction camps of **Canada** Mr. Fitzpatrick and those associated with them are peculiarly qualified to compile a handbook which will give to these **foreigners** a knowledge of the English language and an insight into the affairs of their new home that will tend to make them efficient, healthy, self-respecting citizens. He points out, however, that these outlines must be supplemented by the wholesome contact of an instructor who is interested in their welfare. The book starts with the simplest forms of object words, phrases, and themes, and leads up to paragraph lessons. Then follow outlines of the geography of **Canada**; descriptions of government, Dominion, Provincial, and Municipal; a chapter on the advantages of naturalization, and how to obtain it, and a sketch of the history of the country. There are also translations into six native tongues of more than one thousand of the words most in use, which will encourage **foreigners** who have no language but their own to associate more with English-speaking people.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's volume is admirably fitted for the purpose intended, but, speaking from personal contact with so many foreign immigrants, he is strongly of opinion that the Dominion Government, which controls immigration, should also make provision for the assimilation of **foreigners**.

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