

CANADA GETS BETTER TYPES, CALDER SAYS

More Care Being Taken in Selling Immigrant Tickets

HEAVY INFLUX IN YEAR

Farmers, Farm Labor and Domestics Are Most Sought After

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe.)

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—“People are willing and anxious to come, and the surplus population of Great Britain over pre-war days is estimated at from 600,000 to 1,250,000, but next year's immigration to Canada will depend on two things—the employment situation and the shipping facilities.”

Such was the statement of Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, who returned to-day from a six-weeks' trip to the British Isles. He inspected there the different immigration offices and looked into the situation generally. Mr. Calder will remain in Ottawa till after the railway rates appeal this week, and then will join the Tariff Commission in the West.

Steamers Fully Booked.

Dealing with immigration prospects, the Minister said that “if unemployment in Britain this winter is as serious as expected there will be a big movement to Canada, if they can get away. I find, though, that all the North Atlantic lines are booked up for a year for regular and tourist traffic and a certain amount for immigrants.”

“The shipping situation should improve by spring, however, but it may be a year before the influx is heaviest. A better type of people are coming than ever before from the British Isles. We are adopting a very careful process of selection. As a result of the act passed two years ago agents are much more careful in selling tickets, seeing that the companies have the responsibility of taking undesirables back.”

Mr. Calder considers inspection before embarking impracticable. “They land here,” he said, “at one port. They start over there from twenty ports. The inspection staffs would have to be enormously increased.”

Farm Labor and Domestics.

Speaking of bonused immigration, the Minister stated that Canada was willing to do away with it, but the other Dominions would not. Similarity of policy was desirable.

“The immigrants we are after especially,” he said, “are farmers, farm labor and domestics. It would be very helpful if Canadian farmers would give attention to better housing facilities for farm labor. As regards domestics, there is just as great a shortage of this class in Great Britain as in Canada. They are not disposed to go back to service after a taste of industrial life during the war, but unemployment will create a great void and cause thousands to return to domestic work.”

Mr. Calder visited all the immigration offices except Dublin and Belfast. He did not care to discuss the internal situation in England.

Immigrants From Belfast.

New York, Sept. 26.—(By Canadian Press.)—Hundreds of residents of the North of Ireland are anxious to emigrate to Canada, according to Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration in the Dominion Cabinet, who arrived here Saturday on the Mauretania on his way back to the Capital after an extensive trip of inspection of the Canadian Immigration Offices in the Old Country.

Mr. Calder visited the agencies of his department in England and Scotland and found the organization working efficiently. He did not go to Ireland, but to a Canadian Press correspondent he stated that reports he had received from the Belfast office showed that there was unusual activity there.

“Our Belfast office has had many inquiries from prospective immigrants recently,” he said, “and there are indications that Canada will get many new citizens from the North of Ireland. Our Dublin office, however, owing to conditions prevailing at present, is merely marking time.”