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Immigration Proposals By Maritime Board Recall Address By J. O. Hyndman

At a recent meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, the question of procuring suitable immigrants for the Atlantic Region was one of the outstanding points of discussion on the agenda. Dr. C. H. Blakney of Moncton, in a concise speech gave the Board a great deal of information on the problem of inducing newcomers to make their permanent homes in Eastern Canada. Dr. Blakney's speech, which has been much acclaimed, has been issued in pamphlet form, to members of the various Boards of Trade, throughout the Maritime Provinces, and the immigration question will be given prior consideration and close study by all Boards in the coming months.

More than twenty years ago, Mr. J. O. Hyndman made a search and study of the possibilities of Prince Edward Island in respect to immigration and colonization and, at that time, delivered an address before the Charlottetown Rotary Club on the subject. Below is reproduced some of the salient points of that address. The opinions expressed at that time, by Mr. Hyndman are in great part as applicable today as they were twenty years ago. Mr. Hyndman stated in part: "Immigration or Colonization is a problem requiring most careful study and attention by those most competent to handle it, so as to best meet the special needs of each Province. It should not be difficult or impossible in Prince Edward Island to find a common-sense solution if our own citizens were awakened to its importance as a vital factor in our economic life and future prosperity. Robert Louis Stevenson used to say, 'God give me a young man with brains enough to make a fool of himself.' 'He meant by this, I think, that every fresh adventure, every experiment, every step forward, involves somebody in the risk of making himself look silly or as he said 'making a fool of himself.' This is a big subject to tackle and

I have decided to take the risk of making a fool of myself by introducing it, of which you will be better able to judge as I proceed.

Opportunities And Facilities

"If, on making a study or survey of the situation, we discover there is a real need, what are the opportunities and facilities available and what line of action should be taken to achieve our objective? I have given considerable attention to this subject for some time past and have discussed it with members of the Boards of Trade, farmers and politicians, but find very few who have given it any thought or regarded it of much importance to our Province.

"I had been in hopes that someone else better fitted would be found to launch the subject, and when one undertakes to introduce a new idea, he at once subjects himself to severe criticisms, and most people naturally do not care to become a target.

"I had some experience in regard to that during my activities with the Board of Trade. When you advocated the second Car Ferry, standardization of the railroad, Pullmans, trading at home or changing of the rule of the road it was amazing to find the many differences in opinion among our own people. When I became president of the Associated Boards of Trade in 1923 the first thing I started out to do was to endeavor to bring agricultural and commercial interests closer together. When I invited all Agricultural Societies to send representatives to our annual conference in 1924, I was somewhat ridiculed, but when I invited the Women's Institutes to join us in 1925, it was taken more or less as a joke.

"The effort, however, to foster a better feeling and to strive to work together for our common interests, succeeded beyond anticipations, and the Boards of Trade and commercial interests have won the good will and esteem of the agricultural community in this Province to a much greater extent than is to be found elsewhere.

"I think all Board of Trade members will agree today, that such a move resulting in the closer co-operation of all citizens has turned out to be of the greatest value in promoting the welfare of this agricultural Province.

Many Advocates Now

"What do we find at present? That this very thing we initiated in Prince Edward Island in 1924 is being advocated throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, and is one of the principal planks in the platform of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. At the annual meeting of the Chamber in Vancouver, last fall Premier Bracken of Manitoba read a valuable paper on the subject.

"Only last week an editorial appeared in the Telegraph Journal of Saint John, taking credit for the Board of Trade of that city as having been the first in Canada to make a move in bringing agricultural and commercial interests closer together, as a result of a joint conference held last summer to investigate the agricultural situation of New Brunswick. On my attention being called to same, I immediately wrote to the editor of the paper, pointing out that the movement originated here and that the credit belonged to Prince Edward Island, also pointing out that as far back as 1920 we held a 'Farmers' Day' at the Charlottetown Rotary Club, the first event of the kind in Canada.

"Why do I refer to these matters at this time, which apparently would have no connection with the subject under discussion?

The Potato Pendulum

"For the reason that it is essential that we conserve our present prosperity and do not allow anything through negligence or lack of foresight on our part to disturb the present economic situation, which is based on the foundation

of mixed farming and chiefly live stock and dairying. There is a tendency at present to focus too much on the potato industry and it is a matter of much concern to not only the dairy interests, but to our whole industrial and mercantile life, to see that the potato pendulum is not allowed to swing too far in the opposite direction, and by doing so, undermine our most valuable and dependable branch of the agricultural industry.

"This has a very important bearing in preserving the present high standard we have attained in the dairy industry; and for the further reason that the success of the Boards of Trade in the past in co-operating with the agricultural interests, should urge us to continue along with similar lines, as we have already partly paved the way to enlist the co-operation of the various interests, if handled diplomatically. This is very essential if the present proposal to maintain and increase our population is to be successful.

"What is of the utmost importance, however, is that we sell the idea first to ourselves—the leading farming and commercial interests, as well as to the politicians. You cannot expect Governments to act until public opinion first makes demand. I believe this is the opportune time, and the responsibility is up to you and me to lead the way, and by doing so render a very useful service to the economic life of our Province. If you ask the ordinary citizen, today, his opinion on immigration, the reply usually given is 'We should try to devise some means of keeping our boys and girls at home rather than bring in immigrants'.

First Consideration

"I quite agree that first consideration should be given to bettering conditions at home by every possible means, in order to insure good, steady and profitable employment for all who desire to remain here, and that special attention should be given to agricultural education, so that every facility and advantage will be available in our own Province, which has the highest percentage of rural population of any Province in Canada. No matter how ideal conditions may be, a certain number will always have a hankering to emigrate. The great trouble in the past has been that many of our young people were encouraged by their parents to emigrate, as a result of the development of our natural resources having been regarded through discrimination in transportation, and the further reason that our educational system encouraged every other line

but agriculture." At a later point in his speech Mr. Hyndman read the following extract from a resolution adopted at an Associated Boards of Trade conference, several years previously:

"Whereas it is generally conceded that in the past other parts of the Dominion have been boosted and favoured largely at the expense and neglect of Maritime Province interests; and whereas the population in Prince Edward Island has dwindled from 109,078 in 1891 to 88,536 in 1921, or a loss of over 20,000 in thirty years, largely on account of the lack of transportation facilities, and non-fulfillment of the terms of Confederation for many years past, leaving our Province in such a position that she could not take advantage of the transportation facilities available to citizens on the mainland, and thus debarred from the proper development of her natural resources—

consisting principally of agriculture, live stock, fisheries and tourists resorts. "Be it therefore resolved that the Dominion Government be petitioned to grant this Province special consideration in the promotion of a colonization and publicity policy to help offset the incalculable loss sustained in the past, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Department of Immigration and each of our Island representatives."

Mr. Hyndman then explained how he had endeavored to get the Hudson Bay Company's Overseas Settlement interested in the Province. They said "We are interested in your fox farms and fur business. But we will not send out settlers unless there is some proper department to look after them, when they arrive."

We should have, and must strive to get a Provincial Department of Immigration, Statistics and Publi-

city, entirely distinct from the Department of Agriculture if possible, Mr. Hyndman believes.

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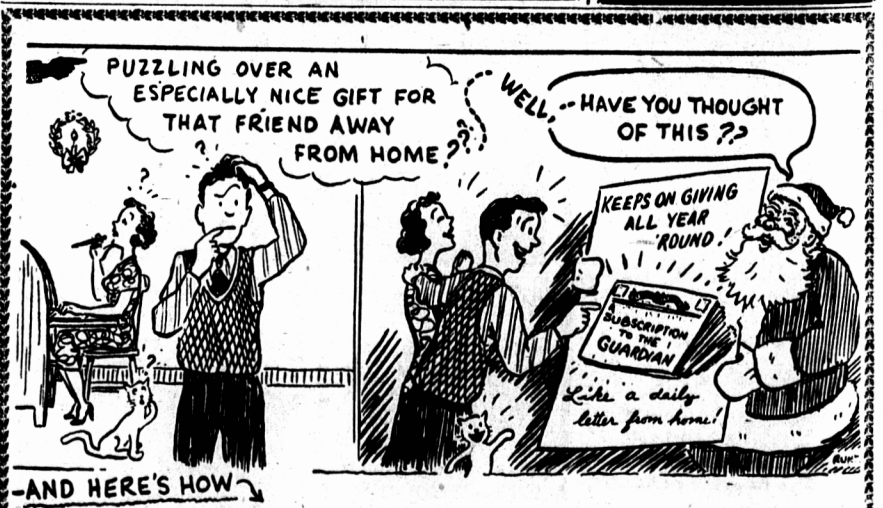
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