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Canadian Commissioner at Brussels Exhibition Writes Interestingly of Belgium's Vital Statistics.

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In a letter addressed to the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Thomas Cote, Assistant Commissioner-General for Canada at the Brussels Exhibition, analyses certain features in the Statistical Year Book of Belgium, of which the volume for 1909 has just been published. The analysis deals with the movement of population in Belgium as indicated by the statistics in the Year Book of births, marriages, deaths, emigration and immigration. By the courtesy of Mr. Fisher we are able to make the following extracts from Mr. Cote's communication:

POPULATION OF BELGIUM

On December 31 1908 the population of Belgium had risen to 7,386,444, or 650 per square mile. During the decade 1890 to 1900 the population of Belgium has increased at the rate of 10.28 per cent, Belgium, thus, as regards increase of population, taking fifth place amongst European countries and after 10.28 per cent in Belgium is reduced to 1.61 per cent in France.

In point of density of population Belgium comes next to Saxony, which has 778 per square mile and leaves far behind those other countries whose rate per square mile is still very high, viz: Holland 460, Great Britain 458 and Germany 290. If the decrease in the arrondissements of Philippeville, Virton, Ath and Marche, while in a dozen arrondissements the increase is over the average. This is especially marked in the arrondissements of Antwerp, Ostend, Brussels and Charleroi. We find there a growing concentration in urban industrial centres to the detriment of those that are mainly agricultural.

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

The growth of a country's population depends upon three factors: migration births and deaths. In Belgium the first of these factors has but a relative significance. In 1908 the excess of immigrants over emigrants was 5,861. There were then altogether 38,155 immigrants, chiefly from France, Holland and Germany, compared with a total of 32,294 emigrants. Belgians emigrate little. In 1908 32,294 persons quitted Belgian territory, but 82 per cent of these emigrants went into France, Germany and Holland. It is not probable that all the remaining 18 per cent went to America. The statistics of the Canadian Government Agent at Antwerp show that an average of from 1,800 to 2,000 Belgians proceed annually to Canada. If therefore Belgium in 1908 lost 32,294 of its citizens she had an immigration of 38,155, or an excess of 5,861 immigrants over the emigrants.

A DECLINING BIRTHRATE

Birth plays another important part. In 1908 the absolute number of births was 183,834, a decrease of 15,243 from the figures of 1901. This is the more noteworthy since the total population of 1908 exceeded by 585,445 inhabitants the total population of 1901. Since 1901 the number of births has constantly declined and the extent of the decline becomes more marked if the births be compared with the total population.

The proportion of births to population which was 32.47 per 1000 during the period 1867-1873 fell to 28.29 during the period 1897-1907. At present it is 24.89. The four provinces of Limburg, Luxembourg and Western Flanders give us the highest birth-rate in proportion to population. Elsewhere there is a decrease which is especially marked in the provinces of Liege and Brabant. Thus in Belgium as in most European countries there is a fall in the birthrate.

INFLUENCE OF THE MARRIAGE RATE

This phenomenon of a falling birth-rate causes uneasiness, because it does not correspond with any decrease in the number of marriages. From 1907 to 1908 there was, it is true, a certain decline, 57,574 marriages in 1908 against 58,560 marriages in 1907 but the proportion of marriages per 1000 inhabitants was higher in 1908 than it was, for example, in 1890 or 1870 which were the periods of high birthrate. While there fore statistics do not explain, they are not without interest in proving that countries with a high marriage rate are not necessarily those of a high birth rate. Thus France has recorded as many as 80 marriages per 1000 inhabitants, and yet we know what appalling results are indicated by the French annual statistics. At any rate in Belgium, side by side with the maintenance of a satisfactory marriage rate, there is a decline of births, whilst there is also a relative decrease in the number of illegitimate births. In 1881 the number of illegitimate births was 7.20 per cent. It rose during the period 1891 to 1900 to 8.40 per cent. At present it is 6.16 per cent.

Notice now the increasing number of divorces. In 1909 there were 892, or one divorce for every 65 marriage. In 1840 the proportion was one divorce for 1,175. Since 1890 the increase in the number of divorces has made alarming progress.

STATISTICS OF MORTALITY.

When we come to deaths the official statistics are more reassuring. The absolute number of deaths in 1908 was 121,964 or 16.51 per 1000. In fact the proportion of deaths shows a constant decline. The fall is especially striking if we consider that Belgium had formerly the proportions of 24.47 (1855) and 28.50 (1871).

DECREASE IN EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

Analysing these statistics more closely and comparing them with medical statistical information we find that since 1880 epidemic and infectious diseases have diminished in intensity. The number of deaths caused by smallpox, scarlet fever, croup and typhoid have materially decreased. But epidemic diseases, chronic diseases of the lungs and respiratory organs, continue to exact a large toll. Moreover there is a regular increase in the deaths due to violent causes.

LARGER PREVALENCE OF SUICIDE.

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The number of suicide increases. There was from 1871 to 1880, upon the average, one suicide per 12,146 inhabitants. Belgium had sadly lowered this proportion to one suicide per 7,616 inhabitants. In 1908 the absolute number of suicides was 970. At the same time we must take account of the uncertainties which govern this matter and of the difficulties experienced in determining the wilful or accidental nature of the deaths.

JUVENILE SUICIDES.

What is most lamentable to find is the growing frequency of suicide amongst young people or young girls under 16. Thirteen young people in 1908; 11 young girls. From 1907 to 1908 the number of suicides in this category has doubled. The figures reveal an evil more alarming than is shown by similar symptoms in Germany and France.

THE BRUSSELS EXHIBITION

What has here been stated as to emigration does not indicate that our participation on the Brussels Exhibition has not been greatly useful to Canada, although in my opinion it will do little to bring us Belgians closer. Our participation in the Brussels Exhibition will have the effect of making us better known in all the countries of Europe, such as Holland, Germany, &c., whose citizens have come in great numbers to visit our Pavilion. It will also have the result, I am sure, of considerably extending the commercial relations between Canada and Belgium.

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Think what it means for the population of Canada to increase from six millions to thirty millions, and 80 per cent. of this growth will be in the West. There is no use living in a day of land and opportunity unless you are part of it. You doubtless have among your friends and acquaintances, those who have shown their faith in Western Canada towns, and have become rich because they invested when these towns were young.

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