

**Hotel Metropole.** Mr T. E. Donne, New Zealand's immigration officer in London, was present, but took no part in the discussion. Generally speaking, there was a striking absence of official representatives of the oversea Dominions, and open complaint was made of this by several

**What the Dominions Want.**

Canada was criticised on account of its present regulations prohibiting the entry of immigrants assisted by public or private agencies unless they are going to work on the land. Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke

mentally fit, the man who never touches drink, or tells a lie, or never intends to; the man who does not covet his neighbour's land, or anything belonging to his neighbour. He must have a little agricultural knowledge, and, of course, a little capital."

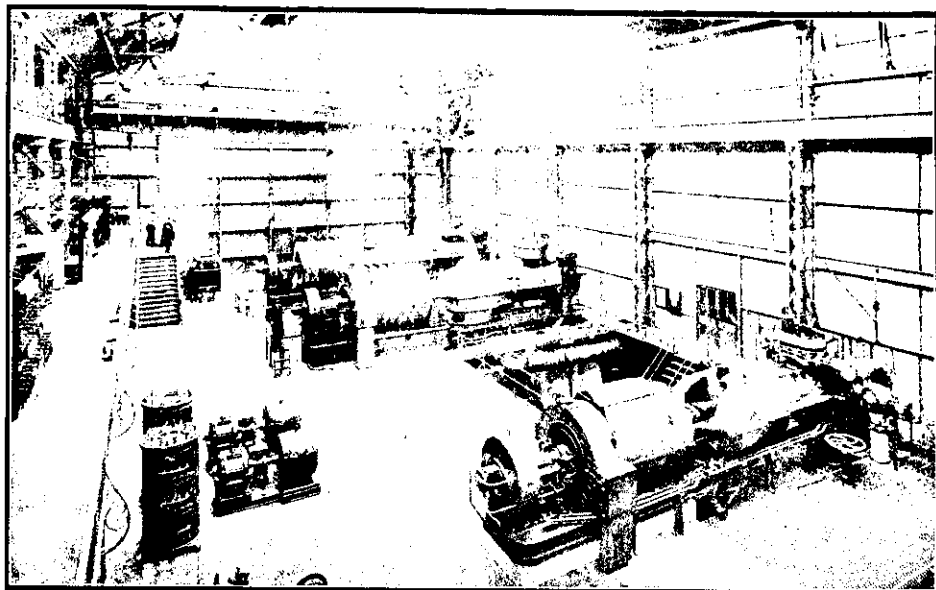
to get rid of a large proportion of its surplus population; but the Dominions say, "We don't want them at any price! How are we to overcome the difficulty?" The united intelligence of the conference failed to find an answer to that question, which was, indeed, the crux of the whole problem. The Dominions do not want the Old Country's failures. The men they do want are the men England can least afford to lose. It was stupid, not to say impertinent, for a section of the conference, including delegates like Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, to scold the Dominions for not welcoming the desperadoes of Old England. That did not bring the conference a yard nearer a solution of the difficulty. Equally futile was it to say that the Dominions did not know what they wanted. Colonel Lamb and various other delegates made it clear that they knew not only what they wanted, but also what they did not want.

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Mr J. E. Pounds, of Melbourne, gave the view of the Dominions. "They do not want," he said, "town residents or pauper people, men or children. They want agricultural people, who will be content to stay on the land." He stated that a delegation from Victoria was coming to England to look for 40,000 farmers and agriculturists, able to buy and settle on Victorian irrigated lands.

The practical men at the conference, as opposed to the theorists (of whom there were enough and to spare) recognised that it was no use upbraiding the Dominions for their very natural desire to keep out the dregs of an Old World civilisation. Optimists and pessimists were unanimous, however, in urging that the Home Government should take more interest in emigration.

Colonel Lamb, who impressed me as the most practical of all the delegates, related his experience in trying to rouse the Government. He first went, he said, to the Local Government Board, and was referred to the Board of Trade. Here he was passed on to the Colonial Office, where he was informed that this was a matter for the Treasury. (Laughter.) And when he spoke to the Prime Minister, he was told: "Oh, that is a departmental question, with which I cannot



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speakers, notably Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, M.P., chairman of the Central Emigration Board.

"The Agents-General," said he, "are ready enough to appear when they can say something in praise of their own Dominions, but when it is a question of meeting and answering criticism they are not there."

described these regulations as "ridiculous and outrageous." The Canadian point of view was put by Colonel Lamb, chief emigration officer of the Salvation Army, who is a man of vast experience in emigration work.

"Surely," said Colonel Lamb, "the wants of the Dominions are well known. They want men who are morally and

The conference laughed, but Colonel Lamb was in earnest. "Do you blame the Dominions?" he asked. "I don't."

"The agencies represented here," added Colonel Lamb, "are in a difficulty. We cannot get into Australia, Africa is a closed door. The United States do not want us. It is no use blinking facts. Here is the situation: This country wants

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