

EMIGRANTS FOR CANADA.

Thirteen hundred emigrants sailed for Canada last week from England. On Wednesday the first contingent of the Salvation Army emigrants, 600 strong, set sail, and on Thursday 600 others, 250 of whom are English, the rest French and Italian.

Circulars prepared by the Immigration department of Canada, advertising "a free farm via the railway route," and calling attention to the great field offered in Canada for employment in railway building, are now being distributed in Scandinavia, Belgium, Denmark, and other European countries. This step has been taken by the department of the interior at Ottawa to induce immigration this year of men suitable for railway construction laborers. — *Weekly Sun*.

That the State is merely an instrument of the ruling class is amply borne out by the above. The huge capitalist interests embodied in the Grand Trunk Pacific and other big railway schemes are in full control of the Dominion government. These interests require a large force of cheap laborers to carry out their undertakings. Hence the power of the State is requisitioned to gather up a supply. Every lying subterfuge known to modern business chicanery is undoubtedly being used to lure the unwary into the net of Canadian railway exploitation. Alluring tales of free lands will be dinned into the ears of uninformed Europeans by the Canadian immigration department with the same lack of scruple manifested by a gold-brick swindler in clutching his victim. The tales dealt out for the purpose of inducing ignorant people to come to Canada as food for Canadian capital will be chiefly lies made out of whole cloth, no matter whether such be told by government agents or private swindlers.

Those who come will find themselves up against conditions similar to those they have left behind. Go where they will, the world's workers cannot escape the rule of capital. They must surrender their lives to its brutal profit-making process just the same in Canada as elsewhere.

So long as the workers supinely allow the State to remain in the hands of the exploiting class, so long will they be forced to submit to the use of its powers for the purpose of hauling them from pillar to post wherever the necessities of capitalist profit-skinning may require their services. That, along with the holding of them in subjection to the brutal process, is the function of the State, and right well it performs it. It could not do so, however, if the workers were not chumps. Vastly in the majority, they could oust the capitalists from their control of the State and use its powers to free themselves from their economic servitude to capital. But it requires sense to do that.