



Urbanization & Immigration

Why Urbanization?

- Industrialization – 1/3 of population in cities by 1900; much faster than EUR
- Half urban in NE; only 7.7 % in S. Atlantic states
- Agricultural depression in late 1800s forced move
- Improved lighting allowed factories to stay open at night → more jobs
- “Walking cities” → Trolley expanded city to suburbs
- 73K power plants by 1900



City Life

- Birth of urban middle class; many owned homes
- Greater distance from work (suburbs)
- Segregation
- Pollution a problem
- Political Machines (**Tammany Hall**)
 - Growth caused by utility control & high cost projects, votes from Irish in exchange for jobs/housing
- “Gilded Age” = “Conspicuous Consumption”

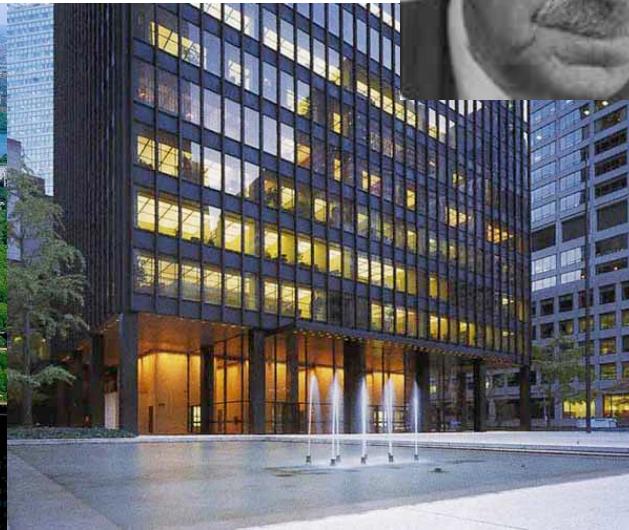


Social Movements

- **Jane Addams – Hull House – Poor/Women’s Rights**
 - Along with Lillian Wald & Florence Kelley
 - **National Women’s Suffrage Movement (1890)**
 - Veterans: Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton
 - Newcomers: Carrie Chapman Catt, Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- **Jacob Riis – *How the Other Half Lives***
 - Tenement housing; overcrowding & squalor
- **“Social Gospel”** – Apply Christian beliefs to pragmatically fix social problems; **Episcopalians**



- Civil Service Reform (1881) – “goo-goos”
- Rise in public education post 1870 (160-6K in 1900)
 - John Dewey’s “experiential learning”
 - More colleges, elective subjects & graduate programs too
- Urban improvements
 - Frederick Law Olmsted – Park Movement
 - Brooklyn Bridge
 - Skyscrapers – Louis Sullivan



"Education, therefore, is a process of living and not a preparation for future living."

John Dewey



New Immigrants!

- **1870-1899**
 - 11 million people arrived
 - Southern and Eastern Europe
 - Most settled in cities in tenement housing
 - Increase in the supply of labor led to reduction in wages



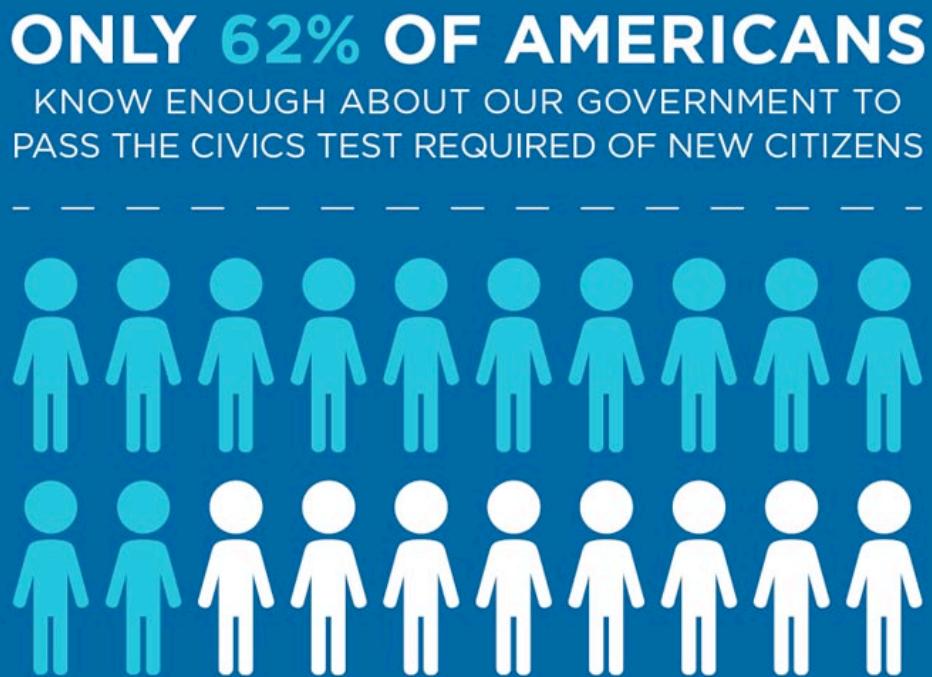
American Melting Pot?

- **Chinese Immigrants**
 - Helped build the transcontinental railroad
 - 1870—made up 20% of the labor force
 - 1873—recession, Chinese were singled out as taking too much of the workforce
- **Sand Lotters** – people that protested against the Chinese monopoly of labor, killed some workers and burned property of others
- **Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)** – Prohibited most Chinese from settling in America; effective until WWII; Chinese born settlers could not become American citizens



Congress & Immigration

- **Contract Labor Law (1864)** – allowed US employers to contract for cheap European labor → Abolished
- 1917 – Congress passes a law that required immigrants to take a literacy test



US Citizenship Test

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In English**

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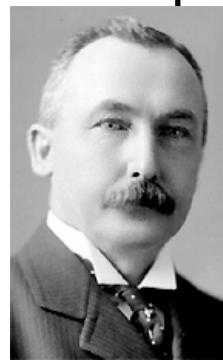


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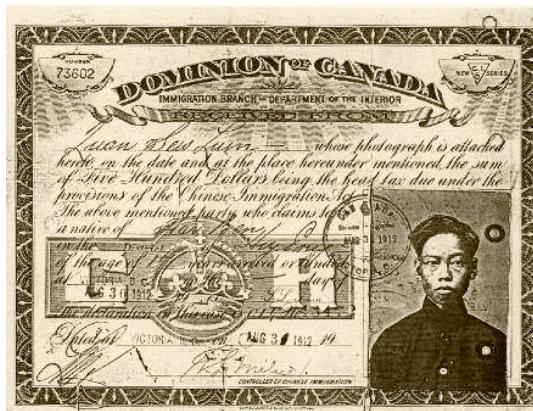
Canadian Immigration

- 1871-1891 – 1.5 million immigrants entered but 2 million left
- 1896-1921 – Population boom, pop. jumped by 64%
- **Clifford Sifton's Immigration Campaign** – Proposed under **Wilfrid Laurier's** Liberal Govt to settle western Canada
 - Massive propaganda campaign (\$1 million in ads)
 - Poor immigrants had trouble getting started and often returned to the cities
 - Most came b/c of economic and political hardships in Europe: overpop., high taxes, political oppression under Austria-Hungarian empire
 - Came to escape religious persecution – **Jews, Mennonites, Doukhobors**
 - **Winnipeg** – major west distribution point for immigrants



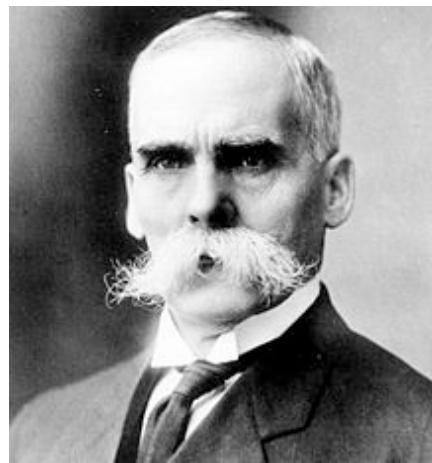
Women & Asian Immigrants to CAN

- Single women immigrants – Mostly British; domestic servants → factory workers → lumber camps, boarding houses, restaurants
- **Chinese** – 15,700 came to western Canada to help build CPR → after completion, CPR disclaimed all responsibilities for Chinese workers →
 - 11 % of population in British Columbia
 - 1903 – Headtax of \$500/per Chinese immigrant
 - Growing number of Japanese



Canada: European Salad Bowl?

- Anglo-conformity – Immigrants from Britain could assimilate better than elsewhere
- Ethnic pecking order – British/American, Western Europeans/Scandinavians, Central/Eastern Europeans/Asians, American blacks (barred from entering Canada)
- Nativism – Intense opposition to internal minority groups b/c of their foreign connection
- Industry supported open door policy toward Eastern Europeans → hardworking, cheap labor, could handle rough conditions
- **Frank Oliver**, Minister of the Interior, did not favor open door policy toward all → passed legislation to block immigration of blacks, Jews (by 1911 controlled who could immigrate)



There's no room in my mustache for an open door – F.O.

Minorities in the Salad Bowl

- **Ukrainians** – 170,000, settled on prairie, discriminated against for isolating selves, associated with bringing in small pox
- **Doukhobors** – 7400 peasants from a religious pacifist sect in Russia → discriminated against & in Saskatchewan not granted title to lands, land confiscated → moved further west to British Columbia
- Question over whether to extend voting rights/citizenship to Asians
 - **Asiatic Exclusion League** – Extremist org. in West which demonstrated against Asian immigration during recession (1907) → riots in Vancouver's Chinatown/Little Tokyo → gov. restrictions on immigration
 - **Komagata Maru Incident** – 376 Indians arrived in Vancouver harbor → Denied entry into the country; two months remained off shore; finally escorted out to sea by Canadian ship; not allowed entry
 - 1879 – New Constitution prohibited Chinese from owning property or working at certain jobs

