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will not relieve the economic conditions that are lowering the physical condition of the masses there.

Boys and girls are wanted on Canadian farms. A somewhat harsh joke classes the children as the most profitable live stock. But it would be better to pay a little more for the inevitable "chores" or to submit to a certain amount of inconvenience than to encourage a migration certain to have unfavorable results. It is incumbent on the people of Britain to deal with the problem manifested in an apparent surplus of humanity. They have no right to shirk it by hastening the development of similar conditions in the colonies. The large proportion unfit to bear arms in Britain has caused alarm in some quarters and has promoted theorizing as to the old age and death of nations and races. But the proper place to deal with these problems is where they develop. The necessity of adopting a more thorough system of inspection in dealing with intending immigrants is becoming apparent. It would be injurious to Canada and would serve no good purpose in the mother country to keep our ports open for the indiscriminate admission of waifs from the slums of British cities.

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#### UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

The proposal to transport some 22,000 orphans and neglected children from London to Canada will not be regarded with favor on this side of the Atlantic. The impulse to help these children, whom fate has placed in unwholesome surroundings, is naturally strong and is highly creditable to all who are actuated by it. But the people of Canada will not be reconciled to the carrying out of such a project on an extensive scale unless it can be shown that the sum of the benefits exceeds the attendant injurious results. This immigration cannot be carried on without materially affecting the standard of manhood and womanhood in the Dominion. Whatever we may for the moment set up as the glory of the nation—exports, military strength, manufactures, political institutions, art, or mere numbers—the ultimate purpose of it all is, consciously or unconsciously, the improvement and perfection of manhood and womanhood. And the importation of an inferior element militates against the foundation as well as the aim of all progress and advancement.

These children inherit in the aggregate an inferior mental and physical endowment, and it is in the aggregate that they must be considered. Their combination of mental and physical weakness makes a low moral nature. Their effect on the standard of manhood and womanhood a generation hence would be positive and persistent. They would set back the real progress of the Dominion in proportion to their numbers and average personal condition, and, although the effect would not be noticeable in the trade returns nor in the record of manufactured products, it would be none the less certain. Many of them would do well in Canada and would become useful citizens. Some would do well if left at home, but the proportion of successes must vary with the broader opportunities of a less congested country. In the aggregate their influence will be deleterious here, while their removal from Britain