

Have Too Many Undesirable Emigrants

Owing to the fact that Ontario is contributing annually an enormous sum of money, entirely out of proportion to the percentage of foreign-born residents, for the maintenance of criminal, insane and dependent persons of foreign birth, it is likely that the Provincial Government will protest to the Dominion Government against the latter's system of inspection at the ports of landing. Mr. Samuel A. Armstrong, Inspector of Asylums, Prisons and Public Charities, following his investigation into the matter, states that many cases of foreign-born of the most defective type have been allowed to enter the Dominion, who had been in asylums in their own country or belonged to families in which there were one or more insane members, and of course they soon found their way into the hospitals or asylums here.

The exact figures for the year 1907, which have just been issued, show that there were 1,517 patients in hospitals for the insane, who cost the Province for their keep \$227,550; 4,313 prisoners in the jails cost \$61,339.23; and 289 prisoners in the Central Prison cost \$25,425.80. The total cost of maintenance of the mentally afflicted and the criminal classes was thus \$314,315.03, more than two-thirds of which was incurred on account of the first class, constituting about one-fourth of the number of persons altogether.