

Mr. STENSON:—Are they not improving ?

Mr. OLIVER:—They certainly could not help but improve if they exist at all, because they could not go back.

Mr. RICHARDSON:—In other words they started with nothing and they are holding their own.

Mr. ROGERS:—Maybe their labours will assist their efforts to get on.

Mr. OLIVER:—I do not dispute that, but they do not bring in adequate means to enable them to properly commence life in this country.

Mr. SMART:—There are plenty of Canadians who went to the North-west in that same position who are now doing well.

Mr. SPROULE:—From what I can learn the North-west is being made a dumping ground for this undesirable class of people, because the reports of their condition show that these Galicians are subjects of the most abject poverty. They were unprovided with sufficient clothing for that country, some of them were living in huts and they were living in such a condition as to generate disease amongst them. It appears from the reports of their condition that our country was just being made a dumping ground for these people.

*By Mr. Davin :*

Q. The Dominion health officer at Winnipeg in his report dated 1st January, 1898, says that these people were in a bad state from a sanitary point of view. On the 21st December, 1897, there were in the isolated building in connection with the Winnipeg Immigration Hall 148 cases, and at an earlier period a large number of them were quarantined for smallpox. In the Winnipeg General Hospital there were 14 suffering from diseases such as erysipelas, abscess and inflammation ?

A. Does he say that they were Galicians ?

Q. That would be interesting to know ?

A. I think they were all classes. There would be a larger proportion of Galicians than any other class because there was a larger number of Galicians then in the Immigration Hall.

*By Mr. Hughes :*

Q. How do they compare in stature and general appearance with the ordinary immigrant from the north and south of Germany ?

A. I cannot say exactly.

Q. Are they short and stubby in stature ?

A. Most of them are short, stout, but strong-looking men. I saw a number of parties of them going through to the west.

Mr. HUGHES:—While these Galicians speak a Slavonic language they are of a Teutonic descent.

Mr. RICHARDSON:—Last fall I passed through the Dauphin country where a number of these people are settled, and the general impression I got from them was that they were making some progress. In a number of cases they had cleared land and had erected neat little houses. I was told that the young men were taking up the manners of the country and that the girls were intermarrying with the