

tell the foreigner to come to Canada, as one of the dailies expressed it, "with his sisters and his cousins and his aunts," sound the key-note of popular enthusiasm. To be sure, in a day or two another article proposed shutting the doors to the Slavs and some others, but, strange to say, at the present time the greatest menace are the slum degenerates from Great Britain.

A study of the practical side of the question at Toronto Asylum during the years 1906 and 1907 is most instructive, and furnishes food for deep thought, and yet that is the simplest part of it and does not reveal the greatest danger. The insane man in due course reaches the asylum, where he is cared for at the expense of the country, or deported if the technicalities of the Deportation Act do not exempt him. Not so with most of the degenerates. A certain proportion of these find their way to prison, but are not retained there long unless guilty of some great crime. They are attracted by other weaklings, marry, and the population is added to. What may be the result, the well known Jukes family history will tell. When we discover that the foreign born population is twenty per cent. in Ontario, and the gaol population in 1907 between forty and fifty per cent. foreign born, we at once realize the gravity of the situation. It would be interesting to know just how many came from the slums of the British cities. I refer to these because the English-speaking defective is the one most in prominence just now.

Forty-one per cent. of the prisoners received at the Central Prison in 1907 were foreign born, and thirty-eight per cent. of the people sent to the common gaols of the Province were foreign born. The foreigners make up about twenty per cent. of our population, so the inference is plain and not comforting to Canadians, who have been congratulating themselves on the high class of the newcomers.