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THE DEFECTIVE AND INSANE IMMIGRANT.

At last we are face to face with a danger which must be met resolutely and sanely and without the maudlin sentiment which so often masquerades under the names of loyalty and patriotism. Blood is thicker than water, we are told, and humanity owes a duty to the weakling who is struggling against the curse of bad heredity and environment. This is all very true, but it is scarcely fair to suppose that Canada is to support hordes of degenerates of the English speaking peoples, to say nothing of those of the lowest in the social scale of the European and Asiatic races.

Canada has developed slowly but healthily, and has had time to assimilate even some of the worst elements which have come to her, but the forced feeding she has been subjected to during the last two or three years has produced the inevitable results. We are beginning to be able to sympathize with the trials gone through by the United States, and we should profit by the experience of New York and apply even more vigorous methods than those adopted by that State in the suppression of undesirable immigration. Nearly every man has something to say regarding the desirability of Canada becoming a great nation, but many thoughtful ones frequently express the opinion that a normal and steady development is most to be desired, as there is really nothing to be gained by sudden expansion. However, these opinions are not those of the majority, and the newspapers which