

imposing on Canada one of the biggest burdens in the way of alien population that we have to carry, says "Canadians, with a patriotic selfishness that is not admirable, often ask why they should have the uplifting of inferior races? Why should not Europe cure the people Europe has spoilt? Is it not rather wiser for a nation to share in the task of uplifting humanity rather than to try and maintain an exclusive virtue, limited by a political boundary and safeguarded by deliberate selfishness?" This kind of sophistry has been employed even by some of our Canadian writers, but while it may be comforting to those who have pangs of conscience regarding a manifest injury they have done to our nation, yet does not help us in our time of trial. We must never forget the manifest truth of the old writer who said :

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

A brief perusal of the criminal annals for the last year or two will give some idea of the harvest we are already beginning to gather. Murders committed by epileptics shipped out as "nuisances;" several murders by low types of foreigners; a wife-beating tragedy unique in our history, and so the story goes. Do not the figures on gaol population, furnished by Inspector Armstrong last year, speak for themselves? But without dealing in generalities, let us see how things have been with us in the Toronto Hospital for the Insane in the last twelve months, a period during which immigration has fallen off and inspection is said to have been far more rigid than formerly. Of two hundred and fifty-eight patients admitted to this Institution no less than one hundred and sixteen were foreign born: that is 44½ per cent. If that proportion had been 18 per cent. or 20 per cent. it would have been normal, but the startling fact is in connection with the nationality of admissions; no less than 65 of these being English, 13 Irish