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Divided up in this manner the results are:

Evidently tuberculized on admission to Canada25
Probably
Not tuberculized15
No particulars 1
Died in hospital 1

Of other cases not deported and regarding whom particulars were obtained, I found two recent arrivals died in Hamilton, both tuberculized on arrival; two died at Port Arthur within a year of arrival and two others with no particulars, in hospital; 4 Austrians died in St. Thomas hospital; 1 died at Lethbridge. Of 22 cases in their homes visited by the Margaret Scott Nursing Mission in Winnipeg, it is stated "that none were visited who had not had the disease before leaving the Old Country," but how many of the 22 visited came from the Old Country is not given. Of 61 cases of various forms of tuberculosis treated in Victoria Hospital, Montreal, not born in Canada, 18 had arrived in Canada within three years, and 4 were in Notre Dame, Montreal, all of whom had arrived within one year.

Thus, taking the exact figures, and others more or less exact, I think it may be said that at least 100 immigrants who came to Canada did, within two years, develop tuberculosis and become public charges, of whom more than 50 were probably tuberculized on arrival, 25 badly so, and 25 probably contracted the disease after arrival. Taking in round numbers 350,000 as the total immigrants from amongst whom, during 1906 and 1907, these immigrants came, it means that 0.3 of all immigrants, who were examined before admission to Canada, became tuberculized within two years. Out of this number, at least 25 were probably in so advanced a stage as to have been diagnosable if yet greater care had been taken by Medical Inspectors, but when it is remembered that this means but one in every 14,000 examined who was overlooked, and that specialists tell us that the average existence of the disease before it is diagnosed in office examinations is at least eight months, it is plain that the official sins of omission have not been very great.

Perhaps the immunity of immigrants from tuberculosis may be best comprehended by comparison with an ordinary Canadian community. I find that almost exactly 100 deaths occurred last year in Ottawa From pulmonary tuberculosis, and that, as modern exact satistics have shown that the average duration of cases of consumption in Great Britain and the United States is five years,

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