

addition to published reports, I have received answers from all provincial health officers, and from hospitals and charitable institutions, to a circular sent out to all such throughout Canada. From these replies I have been able to estimate very closely the number of immigrants who during 1907 became subjects of hospital treatment or official charity.

The circulars asked for the name, age, sex, nationality, date of arrival in Canada, the date of entering any institution, and the final disposition of every case. From Ontario I received answers from 61 institutions; from Quebec, 18; from Nova Scotia, 9 answers; and 40 institutions reported upon in the Provincial Charity Report; 5 from Manitoba; 3 from Saskatchewan, included in a total of 12 cases reported by the Provincial Health Officer; 9 from Alberta; 7 from British Columbia, and one from the Yukon. Of these only 10 institutions in Ontario reported any cases, there being 21 in all; 7 in Quebec reported 66 cases; 3 in Manitoba reported 25 cases; 12 were reported from Saskatchewan; 3 from Alberta and none from either British Columbia, Nova Scotia or the Yukon; or, in all, 127 cases were reported. By examining the names of these, so far as given, I find that, apart from 11 who died, those who remained in the institutions for any length of time were mostly reported to the Minister of Immigration, and where they had arrived in Canada within two years, such were returned to their own countries and friends. In all, this number amounted to 59. In addition to this number coming under the direct purview of the Immigration Department, 16 more were debarred on examination at the seaports and were not admitted to Canada. As it will be remembered that under the Immigration Act, as amended in 1906, any immigrant who becomes a charge in any public institution in Canada within three years after landing may be deported, and as 400 were deported during the eight months ending in November, 1907, in a total of 181,784, as compared with 925 on account of diseases in a total of 1,286,000 who entered the United States in the past fiscal year, it is apparent that the Act has been made use of to a very full extent. I have endeavored to analyze the cases dealt with by the Department, with a view to ascertaining the exact number who, from being unable to work very shortly after arrival, were evidently advanced cases on arrival; those who, though working for several months, became thereafter inmates of some institution or came under the notice of the Department, and the number who it would appear were well on arrival, but took the disease in Canada.