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THE IMPORTATION OF DEFECTIVE CLASSES.

In spite of the fact that a system of medical inspection takes place, at sea ports, it is only too evident that defectives are reaching us in large numbers. If the penitentiary and prison statistics are anything like those of Toronto Asylum, they will furnish interesting reading for the enthusiasts who are bound to have immigrants at any price. Of course it is obvious that immigrants will naturally include a large proportion of those who have failed in the Old World, because of want of capacity, but there is a suspicion that many defectives are deliberately shipped to Canada, with the idea of getting rid of them.

Fortunately the new deportation law enables us to return the defective classes who break down within two years after their arrival, but those who are able to pass the probationary period are a menace, the importance of which is not understood by the masses.

As facts are worth so much more than theories, a few statements regarding what we know, rather than what we suppose, will not be without interest. Taking the admissions at Toronto Asylum during December, 1906, January, February, and the early part of March, 1907, we find that they included thirty-four men. Of these, eleven only were Canadians; four of the eleven were shipped to us by the United States and other Pro-