

Many of these patients were married and brought their families with them. As a rule their heredity is of the worst possible description, and what their children are likely to do for the quality of the stock, only those who are familiar with the possibilities of certain varieties of insanity may guess. Sixty-five per cent. of the insane immigrants suffer from dementia præcox, a psychosis notoriously the outcome of defective heredity. Here are three brief histories:

*J. A.* Married; wife and five children. Came to Canada under the care of the Salvation Army. Was a patient in Colney Hatch Asylum, London, England, and came to Canada almost immediately upon discharge. On board ship said he was persecuted by imaginary enemies and after landing was followed by them everywhere. Was admitted to Toronto Asylum almost at once, suffering from paranoid dementia præcox. It is almost inevitable that his family will prove the worst possible stock to people our country with. They cannot be deported under the present law.

*L. C.* Married; female. Came to Canada a few years ago. Was a congenital imbecile; married an old man, an alcoholic; six children. Was brought to the institution by her husband, who was so intoxicated that he could scarcely stand. Patient died in a few weeks of tuberculosis. What may we look for in this family of six children, a defective, insane and tuberculous mother, a degenerate and alcoholic father? Surely no great skill in prophecy is required to foretell the future of these unfortunates.

*F. C.* Male; single. Brought to Canada by a philanthropist, who found him in a charity school. Had all the stigmata of degeneracy, but got along for a few years while cared for by others, and saved a little money. Induced his father and mother and three sisters to come to Canada. Father and mother chronic alcoholics. A brother in India, insane. One sister has already found