

of immigrants. That is true of our present population, and yet the admissions of patients last year show a proportion of those born out of Canada to largely exceed that of Canadian nativity. At least nine-tenths of the former come from the British Isles. From personal enquiry it is found that a large number were in British and Irish asylums before coming to Canada. Such persons may have reached our shores of their own accord, and for this influx no 'Old Country' organization may be responsible, yet it is evident that such a class is not coveted by this Province, nor will the progeny of many of these patients make level-headed citizens. This is a matter of past experience."

From statistics gathered from the United States, it appears that the foreign-born population only amounts to one-eighth of the population, yet they furnish one-third of the insane that are in their asylums. In Ontario, our foreign-born population, according to the census, amounts to 22.29 per cent, yet, in our asylums they amount to 47.88 per cent. In connection with our asylum accommodation, however, I may say that from the last monthly return handed to me by the Inspector of Asylums, it would appear that at the present time the Province may be said to be just abreast of the demand. The return shews that we have at the present time vacant beds in the institutions for 30 males and 12 females, or a total of 42 vacancies. The lunatics and idiots in our common gaols number 23 males and 13 females, or a total of 36, or you may say that if these were transferred to our asylums, they would about take up the accommodation available.

As shewing what the Province has done for the accommodation of these unfortunates, it may be well to point out that Ontario has, since Confederation, spent on capital account for the erection of buildings, \$3,423,855. Of that, \$2,181,446 was for Insane and Idiot Asylums; \$458,986 for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, and \$783,423 for the Central Prison and Reformatories. For their annual maintenance the Province has spent, for the Insane and Idiots, \$5,710,776; for Deaf and Dumb and Blind, \$1,138,536, and for the Central Prison and Reformatories, \$1,914,031, or a total of expenditure for maintenance of \$8,763,344, which, with the capital expenditure, makes up a total of \$12,187,199, for the maintenance of our criminal and