

that Manitoba is expending \$350,000 on Mothers' Pensions this year is in itself worthy of consideration. This is a very large sum of money—about 65 cents per capita for the population of that province. Is it too much to spend in one particular form of charitable work? It is being spent in a manner which will show the cause of the necessity? Or is it merely aiding people without helping others to avoid similar circumstances? With these points in mind the following suggestion was made by the Secretary of the Manitoba Government Mothers' Allowance Commission\*. "It is to be hoped that with the added experience within the Dominion with regard to the operation of "Mothers' Allowance" work, due to the enactment of similar legislation in Saskatchewan and the probable enactment of such legislation in Ontario at the next session of the Legislature every effort should be made by the Provinces administering "Mothers' Allowance" Acts to make a comparison between the families of mothers under allowance, the families of women working out to support small families and the families of women in receipt of ordinary "Out-door Relief." By some such careful study as this it should be possible to get convincing evidence as to the value or otherwise of this legislation.

If a careful record was kept for three or four years of 100 cases in each of the above classes, both as to the health of the families, the education attainments of the children and delinquency records, a comparison should result in showing whether Mothers' Allowances justified the money expended."

From a fairly detailed consideration of prison conditions and reports upon investigations into these conditions it would appear that at least the social service institutions are alive to the need of further changes here. The Montreal Council of Social Agencies, in its Committee's report of November, 1919, speaks of the women's prison conditions as demanding "the immediate erection of a Training School and Farm for all women amenable to reformation, either by the Provincial Government, or with the promise from the

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\*See their report, 1917-18.