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A SPLENDID INCREASE

It will be observed by reference to another page that the value of the exports by winter port steamers from this port during the current season to date is within a million dollars of the total for last season. It would only take two more such cargoes as the Lake Megantic carried on one voyage this season to make the total greater than last year. As we may expect something like forty cargoes more, large and small, to go forward, it would seem that the total for the whole of this season should approach $20,000,000. Possibly this may be too large an estimate, but in any case there will be so substantial an increase that the city will be able to point with pride to the growth of through business, as a very powerful argument in favor of providing the increased facilities necessary to handle the larger trade of the future.

The time is not far distant when $10,000,000 will seem small as a total of the value of a season's exports from St. John during the period when the St. Lawrence is closed to navigation.

THE CHURCH IN THE WEST

In making an appeal for the $200,000 needed to bring the Presbyterian Home Mission fund up to $400,000, the convener of the committee makes some striking statements about the growth and the needs of the west. He writes:

"Now settlements are springing up in every direction. Are they to be left without religious ordinances? Some thirty young men have been secured in Scotland to come out to Canada this spring to assist in this rapidly expanding and vastly important work. Are they to be notified that the church is unable to provide for this additional expenditure? A very large number of requests for institution of new work will come before the committee at its approaching meeting. The Synod of British Columbia and Alberta will ask that at least 25 new fields be opened in that territory; and a much larger number will be needed in the Synod of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the Presbytery of Regina alone having already planned for no less than seventeen."

This is eloquent testimony to the rapid growth of the new territories. All the churches are facing a condition which calls for earnest thought and active work, in order that the new settlers may have thrown around them those influences which make for good citizenship.

AN INTERESTING REPORT

In his annual report to the Ontario legislature, Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of public charities, says there are in Ontario 66 hospitals, 35 refuges, [illegible] three homes for incurables, [illegible] convalescent homes, two Magdalen asylums. The total number of patients treated last year in the hospitals of the province was [illegible] 325, exclusive of outdoor patients. Dealing with the treatment of consumptives the report says:—

"The solution of the tuberculosis problem means the solution of the social problem. Whatever prevents the development of tuberculosis will prevent social misery. Whatever cures it will help to cure social ills. In so much as we diminish tuberculosis among the masses we will diminish suffering, misery and social discontent, and when the problem of tuberculosis will have been solved we will nearer the millennium than we have ever been before."

Regarding the treatment for criminals Dr. Smith notes the fact that 11,000 persons were committed for criminal offences last year in Ontario, out of a population of two millions, and says that the increasing refinements of civilization fail to produce an improvement in criminal statistics. The old doctrine that the criminal must be punished and punished to the limit in order to make him good has had a fair and thorough trial. We quote further from the Mail and Empire's summary:—

"Dr. Smith says that the modern rational method of reform for a healthy man of your criminal or prospective criminal; give him a sound, well developed brain to think with and a good clean blood to feed it upon, and an opportunity to earn an honest living, and preach to him if you like. Circumstances responsible for the production of the criminal class should be traced and corrected. The social environment is the culture medium of criminality. The money spent on children and education is of incalculable benefit to the community.

"Dr. Smith strongly recommends the adoption of special methods for treating chronic inebriates, and suggests that Toronto take the lead in establishing an industrial farm or home for inebriates. The other large municipalities of the province would soon follow the example, and the result would be a more rational and humane manner of dealing with delinquents who require sympathy and care instead of a prison cell."

It is further stated in this report that undesirable immigrants have added largely to the public charge for maintenance of indigent persons, and it is urged that greater care should be taken by Canadian agents abroad, so that fewer immigrants would emigrate to these shores.

The report is one that furnishes much food for thought on the part of the Canadian people generally.

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[illegible] made from [illegible] provided by the Boston Ideal Club in Long Theatre last evening as not very frequently heard in this city. The audience was [illegible] appreciative and certainly [illegible] active, and the applause was well deserved. The members of the club are G. L. Lennox, banjo, and mandolin; A. A. Morse, banjo and cello, and Walter Vreeland, guitar. The instruments were handled by men who certainly understood their [illegible]. Watching the musicians, you [illegible] that they had never gone to the trouble of learning how to do it. It just seemed as though they got off clothing exquisite harmony brought to them as a matter of course.

The first number, Kentucky Thoroughbred, with [illegible] and two encores, Spanish Serenade, and [illegible] was given as an encore. For an encore selection Dixie Hoe Down was given. For an encore selection Dixie Hoe Down was given. For an encore selection Dixie Hoe Down was given