

the reader to draw his own conclusions regarding the possibilities.

In 1902 the direct cost to the United States of the excess of the foreign born insane amounted to \$5,000,000.

In New York State the annual cost of caring for foreign born poor amounts to \$12,000,000.

In 1902 no less than 12,000 foreign born insane, idiots and epileptics were in the public institutions of New York State, or twice the number to be expected. Their maintenance, estimated at an annual per capita cost of \$165, will be about \$12,000,000.

Our experience is evidently parallel to that of New York State, and the condition of affairs at Toronto Asylum during 1906 and 1907 gives us something to ponder over.

Toronto and the County of York supply the Toronto Asylum with its patients, and it is not difficult to establish a fairly correct analysis of the different elements which go to make up our admissions. At the present moment we are undertaking an elaborate study of the foreign born admitted since 1900, but for the present purposes a brief examination of the family histories of four hundred and twenty-two patients admitted during 1906 and 1907 reveals something of interest. Two hundred and ten were foreign born, two hundred and twelve Canadians. Of the foreign born no less than a hundred and twenty-four were comparatively recent arrivals. The majority of them could not be returned to Europe because they did not come within the requirements of the Deportation Act—hence Ontario must assume the burden of their maintenance. Putting the amount for each one we must take care of until death at about \$6,000, a moderate estimate, and the result is indeed startling, but this aspect sinks into insignificance when we go more into detail.