

But "Bystander" remarks that it is a good thing for a country to stand so high in educational matters, and a better thing for the future that reading and writing are becoming so much the accomplishments of the girls of the land, and prophesies that in another ten years Canada will stand at the head of all countries in the proportion of the people able to read and write, even surpassing the people of Scandinavia, who beat the world in the proportion of adults able to write, probably because of the long winter nights.

255. But here comes out of the marshalled host a little group evidently afflicted—the defectives of the group. Here are 28 who are insane, 7 who are blind and 10 who are deaf mutes. A similar group ten years ago would have 5 fewer insane, the same number of blind and 2 more deaf mutes.

Insanity has increased somewhat in Canada. "Bystander" thinks that this is a fact in every country. But the friend at his elbow says that Canada suffers from having the insane of other countries dumped upon her shores, and adduces the fact that while native-born Canadians constitute 8,661 persons in every 10,000, less than 16 of the insane are native-born. Out of the 28 there should be 24 native-born; there are but 16.

We look sadly upon the little group of defectives, but we rejoice that they are cared for in asylums, and that Canada has a large proportion of her defective classes looked after.

256. But as these go back to the crowd, another little group separates itself and takes position in the corner of the grass plot nearest the Minister of Justice's office. They are the criminals of the country, and number 74; about five of them are females and the remainder males. About 10 are young offenders under 16 years of age. About 56 come from cities and towns. About one-fifth can neither read nor write.

257. Look again at the 10,000 group. For each 10,000 there are deposits in the Government and postal savings banks to the amount of \$104,334, and insurance on their lives to the amount of \$562,549. A similar group in 1891 would have \$238,833 insurance and \$54,390 of deposited savings.

258. Of those 10,000, 140 will die during the year. 380 of them will be infants.

259. This typical group will have 2,982 horses, 8,402 cattle and 5,201 sheep; an increase of 533 horses and 460 cattle, and a decrease of 1,848 sheep, compared with 1881.

260. But as a final exhibition the great group divides up, and 766 persons stand apart.

They form the industrial corps whose duty is to supply, to a very considerable extent, the group of 10,000 with what they need in the way of manufactures of all kinds.

They separate into four groups, and as we count them we find that there are 566 men, 145 women, 40 boys, and 14 girls (girls and boys under 16 years of age). Thus the industrial corps is made up of 74 per cent of men, 19 per cent of women, 5 per cent of boys, and 2 per cent of girls.