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Report on pauper child emigrants resident in Canada

1887-1892

These pages are from a report on pauper children sent to live and work in Canada. The Ministry of Health had requested information as to how individual children were getting on in their new lives.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it is estimated that around 100,000 children largely under the age of 14 were sent abroad to Canada to work as labourers or domestic servants as part of child migration schemes.

The children were selected and sent by various charitable organisations in Britain trying to improve the lives of poor children by sending them to countries where there was employment for them. At various points during the emigration schemes, reports were requested from the Governor General of Canada on the welfare of the children. These reports appear to be based on the opinion of the inspectors and the 'look' of the children, coupled with comments from both the householders and the children themselves.

Child emigration schemes continued up until the mid 20th century with children being sent to Canada, Australia and South Africa amongst others.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

List of Pauper Children reported upon by R. Macpherson. Agent at Kingslon.

Union or Parish from which the Children were sent.	NAMES.	Ages.	Names and Addresses of the Persons with whom the Children were placed in Canada.	REPORTS OF INSPECTOR.
<i>Wolverhampton Union</i>	George Hanratty	12	Said to be at "Richelieu House" opposite Union Station, Ottawa, City	Could not find tidings of any "Richelieu House" near to Union Station, enquired at five hotels, then also called at Richelieu Hotel Sussex street, could not find this child.
do	Walter Hanratty	11	Said to be at "Richelieu House" opposite Union Station, Ottawa, City	
<i>Wolverhampton Union</i>	Edward Clarke	13	Said to be with James Tunney, Buckingham. (but think there is an error in address)	Report is the same as above. I have found many errors in lists given to me, in various ways and hope in future, more care will be exercised and more full and correct addresses given, as to Christian names of Guardians, also.
<i>W. Derby Union</i>	George Skillicorn	9	Rev. Fr. Kelly of Merrickville Transferred to Michael Hennessy Whitehurst P.O.	No person of that name could be found in or about Buckingham. Drove to Michael Tunneys and there informed, there was no other of the name. Cannot report this boy without correct address of guardian.
do	Joseph Skillicorn	12	Timothy Driscoll, Merrickville P.O. lot 7 in 3rd. Con. Montague Tp.	Rev. Fr. Kelly reports this boy as good in every respect, in good home, giving full satisfaction and pleased with his place, attending school.
<i>Birkenhead Union</i>	Margaret Parle	7	Peter Soffie Merrickville P.O., 2nd. Con. of Montague Tp.	Giving full satisfaction, in good home, well cared for and pleased with his situation, attends school, is in 3rd. reader, in good health.
do.	Elizabeth McCann	9	John Kelly Merrickville P.O. lot II in 1st Con. Montague Tp.	Untruthful at times, but improving, healthy child, says she is pleased with her home but does not appear happy. Think too much is expected, said to be slow, older child would probably be more suitable for Mrs. Soffie.
<i>West Derby Union</i>	George Howlett	12	Augustus Valcort, lot 2 in 1st. Con of Oxford Tp, Merrickville P.O.	Stubborn, impertinent and difficult to manage but improving, attends school, 2nd. reader, in excellent home, will be well cared for, if can be kept under control, delighted with her home.
do	Mathew Riley	10	Mrs. J. Brennick, widow, Kilmarnock P.O., lot 21 in 1st. Con, Montague Tp	Giving satisfaction generally, pleased with his home and treatment, healthy lad, not attending school.
do	John Slattery	14	Mrs. John White, widow, Kilmarnock P.O., lot 20 in 1st. Con, Montague. Tp.	Giving full satisfaction, in excellent home, well cared for, and pleased with his situation, attends school, formerly with Chas. Cussack.
<i>Parish of Liverpool</i>	Henry Maloney	16	Michael Judge, Toledo P.O., lot 6 in 9th. Con, Kitley Tp.	In excellent home, giving full satisfaction, well cared for, attends school, in 3rd. reader, did not see him, being at school.
do	James Hunt	13	William Mathan, Apple St. Brockville Town.	Healthy lad, slow at learning, otherwise giving satisfaction not attending school, fairly educated in good home.
do	Mary E Brown	12	Henry Mathan, Brockville Town, Apple St.	Remained for about two months, disobedient and difficult to manage, being very stubborn, returned him to the "Hotel Dieu".

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Police or Parish from which the Children were sent.	NAMES.	Ages.	Names and Addresses of the Persons with whom the Children were placed in Canada.	REPORTS OF INSPECTOR.
<i>Stoke on Trent</i> <i>West Derby Union</i>	Fredk. Salt	✓ 10	<i>Placed with</i> John Walsh lot 17 in 9th. Con, Camden Tp, Croydon P.O.	Well placed and giving entire satisfaction, attending school, is in 1st. reader.
<i>West Derby Union</i>	Richard McGrail see report with P. Brennan.	✓ 11	" Said to be with John Walsh of Croydon P.O. Camden.	J. Walsh never had any other boy than F. Salt named above and knows nothing of Richard McGrail, see report with P. Brennan of Hastings Village.
<i>West Derby Union</i>	Jas. Sheridan	✓ 8	" John Cassady Tp, of Camden east, Hinch P.O.	Mrs. John Walsh reports this child to have died, about the end of September last (formerly reported) having been with Mrs. Scanlan. Kingston.
<i>Parish of } Liverpool }</i>	Mary E. Rush	✓ 6	" Timothy Brushingham, lot 39 in 1st. Con. Camden. Yarker P.O.	Giving full satisfaction, great pet, in superior home, will be sent to school (D.V.) next year, delighted with her home and treatment.
<i>West Derby Union</i>	James Callaghan not William.	✓ 10	" Timothy Drumrory lot 20, Con, A, Indian Reserve. Tyendinaga, Shannonville P.O.	No fault, giving entire satisfaction, in good home, pleased with his place, not attending school, will be taught at home.
<i>West Derby Union</i>	Michael Birt	✓ 8	" Dennis R. Callaghan, lot 36 in 5th. Con. Tyendinaga Tp, Lonsdale P.O.	Giving full satisfaction, pleased with his home and treatment, not attending school, will do so during winter.
<i>Parish of } Liverpool }</i>	Nicholas Cleary	✓ 14	" Patrick Mullen, 7th. Con., Tyendinaga Tp, Read P.O.	Has become lame, cannot account for it, disobedient and impertinent, not attending school, intend returning him to "Hotel Dieu"
do	Alice Nolan	✓ 12	" Lawrence McDermott, Read P.O. 7th. Con. Tyendinaga Tp,	Clever when disposed to apply herself but disobedient, not attending school, pleased with her home.
<i>West Derby Union</i>	Owen Smith	✓ 12	" Miss Martha Darby, lot 40 in 1st. Con. Tyendinaga Tp, Deseronto P.O.	Disobedient and stubborn, cannot manage him, will return him to "Hotel Dieu", if no improvement, not attending school, will if kept.
do	Ellen Smith	✓ 7	" Miss Martha Darby, address as next above.	Giving full satisfaction, in good home, and pleased with her home, not attending school, will during winter.
<i>Parish of } Liverpool }</i>	Wm. Devereux	✓ 7	" Patk. McDermott, list says at Marysville P.O.	Cannot find any Patrick McDermott near Marysville P.O, or in Tyendinaga Tp, must be error in list as to address.
<i>Birkenhead Union</i>	Mary E. Lentz	✓ 8	" David McDermott, Baldwin St, W. side Belleville City.	Giving satisfaction, well cared for, attending school, Rt. Rev. Fr. Farrelly reports this child doing well.
do	Minnie Lentz	✓ 11	" Michael Carney, Cor. Gt. St. Jas. and Burrel Streets, Belleville City	Giving full satisfaction, in excellent home and pleased with her place, not attending school, will be taught at home.
<i>West Derby Union</i>	Mary Riley	✓ 12	" Rt' Rev' Fr. Farrelly, Belleville City, transferred to L. Neal Thurlow Tp.	Transferred to Luke Neal Thurlow Tp, reported as being in good home and giving satisfaction.
<i>Liverpool</i>	Chas. Wilson	✓ 7	" "Hotel Dieu" City of Kingston.	Have not yet found suitable place for this child!
do	Frances Little	✓ 7	do do do	Not yet placed.