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***Home Children***

Fill in the blank notes:

* Between the 1860s and 1930s, approximately **100 000** children from England came to Canada without their parents or adult relatives.
* They came from “homes” in Great Britain (**large institutions** hat took in poor orphans and children whose parents couldn’t afford to care for them.)
* They were referred to as “**Home Children**.”
* Why were these children ~~to~~ sent to Canada? There were **too many children** to care for.
* In Canada, they would have a good life in the country where they would have a better chance to find work as adults. Also, the children could go to work for **farmers and others who needed help.**
* Some children **chose** to go to Canada. Sometimes their parents made the decision. Other times, children were sent **without being asked and without their parents knowing.**

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| What was supposed to happen? | What really happened? |
| The youngest were supposed to be adopted. The older children were to go to families as workers. | Some children had good experiences. They became members of their new families.  Some children were beaten, not given proper food or clothing. Some died from bad treatment. |
| Children who were workers would be **indentured**. They would have to stay with the family and work until they were 18. Then they would get a ***small*** wage for the work they did. | Often didn’t get their wages. |
| Children were supposed to go to school (at least for a few years). | Most children were given the basics they needed to survive, but not considered part of the family or given love. They had lonely lives and worked hard from early in the day to late at night. They didn’t get to go to school. |
|  | Children from the same family were often separated and sent to different families. They didn’t even know where their brothers or sisters were. |