

## Report on the Middlemore Home in Fairview Station, Nova Scotia, by F.A. Gerow (1905)

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The contents of this 23-page report (LAC Reel C-4731, file 2869, Part 2) may be of interest to descendants of Middlemore children who were settled in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia or to those interested in the social history of these provinces. Below is a listing of the contents with relevant page numbers.

The report contains information about how the recently appointed Middlemore Superintendent, Frank A. Gerow, operated in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. While no children had been settled in Prince Edward Island since 1900, visits continued to those already settled there. Of special interest are the seven letters written by children, and Gerow's successful initiative in bringing the need for legal protection of immigrant children to the attention of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia governments.

This is the first and only known published annual report produced by any Middlemore superintendent in Canada. For the Children's Emigration Homes Annual Reports, Middlemore superintendents in Canada kept the Homes Committee (equivalent to a Board of Governors) informed through correspondence, but most of this correspondence has been lost. The Birmingham officials also gathered information when they brought the annual emigration parties to the Maritimes. Clearly Gerow was proud of his achievements during his first year as superintendent. Before this appointment, Gerow had served as a Middlemore visitor in New Brunswick for several years.

Although it was widely distributed to the federal government and to the provincial governments and clergy in the Maritimes, Canada's Department of Interior, Immigration Branch has the only known copy of this report. The report was addressed to the Children's Emigration Homes Committee in Birmingham, but it has not yet been found in their archives.

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#### Notes

\* The formal or full names of the children where these have been determined.

In a footnote on page 4 of the report, Gerow stated that supervision of a child stopped at the age of 18; what he meant was that visiting by the agency stopped when the child reached that age. By federal law all child immigrants were the responsibility of the agency until they were “of age,” meaning the age of majority, which was 21 years of age until 1970.