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○ Memo to Richard:

Comment upon immigration of French-Canadians to Lewiston:

1. Very enlightening — and readable.
2. Page 1, Par 5, 1st line — question use of words "numerous families", which means many families, when large ^(size) families is apparently intended.
3. Page 4, ~~next to~~ last paragraph — I think the statement ~~of~~ that during the 10 years starting in 1860 the migrants "averaged 100 families a day" is somehow out of line. Let's assume each family equalled 10 persons; that would equal an influx of 1,000 persons a day or more than 300,000 a year (more than the population of Lewiston-Burbank ever approached) or some 3-million in 10 years. If the families averaged only 5 persons, it would still be out of line.

Could it be 10 families a day was intended, or 100 persons — 35,000 or so in a year (probably no trains every day) even that would be 350,000 or so in 10 years — and what became of them all?

I think one word or one figure is out of line somewhere.
No criticism of the story itself. It's fine.

Skinner