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Memo to Michaud

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 [*circled*] next to last paragraph - I think the statement that during the 10 years starting in 1860 the migrants averaged 100 families a day is somehow out of line. Let us assume each family equalled 10 persons; that would be equal an influx of 1,000 persons a day or more than 300,000 a year (more than the population of Lewiston-Auburn 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 [*illegible*] 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.