

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

The movement of population from Great Britain and other countries towards the United States, during the last half century, has been greater than that towards all other parts of the world put together. But the law of density now comes in; and the best parts of the lands of the United States are in fact at present taken up. The probability, therefore, is, that for the next 50 years the great movement of population will be to the newly acquired North West territory of the Dominion.

The figures of the movement of population into the United States are not only very interesting, but they present one of the most remarkable facts of modern civilization, the total number of the influx being nearly 8,000,000 persons, about a million more than the emigrants who left the British Islands altogether; and not very far from double the number of those who sailed from the British Islands for the United States during that period. The actual number of those who sailed direct from the British Islands for the United States from 1815 to 1870, being 4,472,672.

The following are the figures:—

A STATEMENT, BY OCCUPATIONS, OF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIFTY-ONE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1870. (THE DATES ARE INCLUSIVE.)

Occupations.	Prior to 1820.	1820 to 1830.	1831 to 1840.	1841 to 1850.	1851 to 1860.	1861 to 1870.	Aggregate.
Labourers.....		10,230	53,169	281,229	527,639	526,199	1,398,516
Farmers.....		15,005	88,240	256,880	404,712	211,742	976,579
Mechanics, not specified.....		6,805	56,582	161,411	179,726	163,994	571,518
Merchants.....		19,434	41,881	46,388	124,149	94,200	326,052
Servants.....		1,327	2,571	24,538	21,058	91,204	140,698
Miners.....		341	368	1,735	37,523	52,214	92,181
Mariners.....		4,995	8,004	6,398	10,087	18,788	48,272
Clerks.....		882	1,143	1,065	792	16,123	20,010
Weavers & spinners.....		2,937	6,600	1,303	717	3,233	14,790
Physicians.....		805	1,959	2,116	2,229	3,244	10,353
Seamstresses, dress-makers & milliners.....		413	1,672	2,096	1,065	3,405	8,651
Clergymen.....		415	932	1,559	1,420	3,117	7,443
Bakers.....		583	569	28	92	6,766	8,038
Artists.....		139	513	1,223	615	3,669	6,159
Butchers.....		329	432	76	108	5,651	6,596
Tailors.....		983	2,252	65	834	4,786	8,420
Shoemakers.....		1,109	1,966	63	336	4,563	8,037
Manufacturers.....		175	107	1,883	1,005	1,400	4,520
Lawyers.....		244	461	831	1,140	1,545	4,221
Masons.....		793	1,435	24	58	4,682	6,992
Engineers.....		226	311	654	825	1,738	3,754
Teachers.....		275	267	832	154	2,109	3,637
Millers.....		199	189	33	210	648	1,279
Painters.....		232	369	8	38	1,484	2,131
Printers.....		179	472	14	40	512	1,217
Musicians.....		140	165	236	188	612	1,341
Actors.....		183	87	233	85	268	856
Flatters.....		137	114	1	4	102	358
Other occupations.....		5,466	4,004	2,892	13,844	7,972	34,178
Occupations not stated, and without occupation.....	*250,000	101,442	363,255	969,411	1,544,494	1,572,938	4,801,537
Total.....	250,000	176,473	640,086	1,768,175	2,874,687	2,808,913	8,518,334
Deduct citizens of the United States.....		21,619	40,961	54,924	276,473	317,462	714,469
Aliens.....	250,000	151,824	599,125	1,713,251	2,598,214	2,491,451	7,803,865

*Estimated.

The preceding table is taken from an official Report of Mr. Edward Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington (with which the Editor of the *Year Book* has been kindly furnished) and from which we glean the following further facts:—

Prior to the year 1820 no official records were kept in the United States of the influx of foreign population. But the population of the colonies at the commencement of the revolutionary war has been generally estimated at 3,000,000. Mr. Young thinks that