considerable movement of population on both sides, of which it is impossible to obtain any record. The nearest possible approximation would be to obtain a record of the *ins* and the *outs* on the principal routes of travel, the difference between which would be the net immigration or emigration, as the case may be.

417. Considerable attention was attracted, some years ago, to the large numbers of the inhabitants of Canada, and particularly of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, which, according to the returns published by the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, were annually leaving this country for the purpose of settlement in the United States. The figures given of the so-called " exodus " from Canada, at the point of Port Huron, were very large; and an enquiry was made into their accuracy by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, with the result of proving that they were fictitious. This enquiry led to a collection of the figures of all passengers moving out of and into Canada since 1883 at all points of the Grand Trunk Railway system. The fact shown is interesting as affording a test of the nature of the movement of population, in the years mentioned, between the United States and Canada.

418. The total number of passengers for the year ended 30th June, 1883, in and out of Canada, at all points on the Grand Trunk system, separated from through United States passengers, was as follows :—

Total passengers from Canada to United States............... 202,259
Less European passengers.................................... 14,324

Net total passengrs from Canada to United States...... 187,935

Total passengers from United States to Canada............... 194,162
Less European passengers.................................... 1,535

Net total passengers from United States to Canada.... 192,627
Net gain to Canada in difference of passengers between *ins*
and *outs* 4,692

419. In 1884 the figures were as follow :—
Total *outs* from Canada to United States................... 210,941
Less European passengers.................................... 9,010

Total net *outs*... 201,931

Total *ins* to Canada from United States 206,616
Less European passengers.................................... 1,778

Total net *ins*... 204,838

Net gain to Canada of difference between *ins* and *outs* 2,907