

425. And an examination of the following comparative table will show that the value of money and effects brought in by immigrants is a very important addition every year to the wealth of the country.

VALUE of Money and Effects brought in by Settlers since 1875.

Year.	Value.
1875.....	\$1,344,573
1876.....	686,205
1877.....	632,269
1878.....	1,202,563
1879.....	1,152,612
1880.....	1,295,565
1881.....	4,188,925
1882.....	3,171,501
1883.....	2,784,881
1884.....	4,814,872
1885.....	4,143,866

426. It has been stated by the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Government, at Washington, that, on the average of rich and poor, each immigrant brings a value of \$60 to the country. This would roughly coincide with the facts of the experience in Canada in 1885. But it is to be observed, as respects a question of this kind, the means of obtaining information are defective. There cannot be any doubt, however, as to the large values brought by immigrants; and the figures of the Washington Bureau may be accepted as approximately correct.

427. It is only possible to form a general idea of the numbers that yearly settle in each Province; the agents have no means at their command by which they can follow the immigrants after they once leave the agency, and the subsequent movements of many would probably considerably alter the figures given.

428. The greatest care is taken by the Department and by the agents, that all the returns shall be as accurate as possible, but the only ones that can be thoroughly relied on, except the entries at Customs Houses, which are a registration by names, are those of arrivals at the principal sea ports, as Quebec and Halifax, which are also a registration by names and callings, from the ships' passenger lists. No distinction is made in British Columbia between passengers and immigrants, and the figures for that Province can only be arrived at by estimation. The numbers of immigrants reported by the several agents, while correct in themselves, are subject to subsequent unascertainable movements, and should therefore be taken as approximate. The figures from which the totals for the Dominion are made up, are those supplied by the agents at the various points of entrance,