

The number of persons reported as having gone into Manitoba and the Territories last year was 21,946, while 14,706 are reported to have left, leaving a net gain of 7,240 settlers.

429. The total expenditure in 1885 was \$310,271, and in 1884 \$431,497, there was a decrease therefore in the year under consideration of \$121,226.

430. The cost of settlers per head, not including arrivals reported through the Customs was \$6.62, and including arrivals so reported, was \$3.92; the figures for the preceding year, 1884, being \$6.28 and \$4.15 respectively. The following table shows the cost per head of settlers since 1875 :

Year ended 31st December	Not including Customs.		Including Customs.	
	No. of Settlers.	Cost per Head.	No. of Settlers.	Cost per Head.
		\$ cts.		\$ cts.
1875.....	19,243	14 00	27,382	10 83
1876	14,490	19 60	25,633	11 12
1877.....	15,223	12 00	27,082	6 78
1878.....	18,372	9 63	29,807	6 23
1879.....	30,717	5 74	40,492	4 35
1880.....	27,544	6 59	38,505	4 71
1881.....	32,587	6 32	49,991	4 30
1882	81,904	4 23	112,458	3 08
1883.....	98,637	4 26	133,624	3 15
1884.....	68,633	6 28	103,824	4 15
1885.....	46,868	6 62	79,169	3 92

And it will be seen that the average cost per head during the first five years was \$12.19 and \$5.86 respectively, and during the last six years has been \$5.66 and \$3.88 respectively.

431. The following table contains a statement of the average rate of wages paid in 1885 in different parts of the Dominion. The table is compiled from the returns furnished by the Immigration Agents at the places named, and subject to the fluctuations to which they must always be liable, the figures may be considered as generally correct, and quite correct at the dates when furnished.

432. Embracing, as it does, all the industrial centres from Halifax to Victoria, the table will be found fairly representative of the average wages throughout the Dominion. The ordinary working day for mechanics, artisans and general labourers is at present ten hours. The hours of work on farms are not generally limited.