

British Columbia, and one near Indian Head, N.W.T. It is expected that during the present year the organization of the entire system will be nearly completed, and the several farms provided with the necessary buildings and equipments.

Experiments and tests with seed.

482. A large number of samples of agricultural seeds were received at the Central Farm from farmers throughout the country, sent for the purpose of having their vitality tested, the results of the tests being communicated to the senders. An early ripening hard spring wheat, known as Ladoga wheat, was also obtained from northern Russia, and distributed among the farmers generally, but more particularly in Manitoba and the North-West; the reports concerning it have so far been very satisfactory, and a further quantity has been imported for the purpose of fully completing the experiments.

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#### PART III—IMMIGRATION.

(The figures in this section relate to the calendar year.)

Increase in immigrant arrivals.

483. According to the returns published by the Department of Agriculture, the increase in the number of immigrants, during 1887, was very considerable, both as regarded immigrant passengers and immigrant settlers.

Immigrant settlers 1887.

484. The total number of immigrant arrivals was 175,579, of whom 91,053 were passengers for the United States, while the remaining 84,526 expressed their intentions of remaining in Canada, this being an increase in the number of settlers, as compared with the preceding year, of 15,374. The following numbers are those of immigrant arrivals in