

It must be remembered, however, that the means of obtaining information of this kind is very defective, and there can be little doubt that the actual value is considerably above the amount reported.

494. The trades and occupations of the immigrants landed at Quebec and Halifax were as follow :—

	Quebec.	Halifax.	Total.
Farmers	2,371	1,018	3,389
Labourers	12,406	4,834	17,240
Mechanics	986	345	1,331
Clerks and Traders.....	111	108	219
Female Servants.....	No returns	1,212	1,212
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	15,874	7,517	23,391

Trades and occupations of immigrants.

495. Of the single adults that arrived at Quebec, 13,226 were males and 3,780 females. The demand for female help and domestic help from all parts of the Dominion continues unabated, and it must be a very long time before there is an adequate supply to meet it.

Demand for female help.

496. The total expenditure in 1887 was \$313,773, and in 1886, \$300,920 ; there was an increase, therefore, in the year under consideration of \$12,853.

Immigration expenditure.

497. The cost of settlers per head, not including arrivals reported through the Customs, was \$5.74 and including arrivals so reported, was \$3.71 ; the figures for the preceding year, 1886, being \$6.87 and \$4.36 respectively. The following table shows the cost per head of settlers since 1875 :—

Cost of settlers per head.