

277. With the exception of Newfoundland, it will be seen that more money is sent from this to other countries than is received, and this may be taken as showing that immigrants settling in Canada soon improve their circumstances, and are able to send money to their friends at home, instead of having to apply to them for help.

Excess of money sent from Canada over amount received.

278. The sum of \$126,533 was paid as a subsidy to the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company (Allan Line) for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1888, for the conveyance of mails to and from the United Kingdom. This mail service has been performed by this company continuously since May, 1856, until the close of 1885, since which time the "Vancouver" and "Oregon," of the Dominion Steamship Company, have assisted in the service, about one passage in three being made by one of these vessels. In the first year of service, viz., 1856, the average passage westward was 12 days 20½ hours, and eastward 11 days 2 hours.

Ocean mail service.

279. The Imperial Government having decided to grant a subsidy of \$300,000 (£60,000) per annum towards a line of steamships between British Columbia and China and Japan, and the present contract with the Allan Line for the conveyance of mails between this country and Great Britain being about to expire, the Government propose to provide an additional subsidy for the improvement of the Atlantic Mail Service, and will also subsidize the line from British Columbia, so that a fast line of travel may be established in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway between Great Britain, the East and the Australasian Colonies.

Subsidy to steamship line between British Columbia and China and Japan

280. The following particulars of the passages in 1867-68 and in 1887-88 will be interesting for comparison :—

Comparisons of passages 1867 and 1888