

"tain the necessary help, and in many cases being disappointed. Wages ranged from \$15 to \$22 per month for the summer season, and from \$120 to \$160 for the year. The demand for domestic help has, as usual, far exceeded the supply, and we have found it utterly impossible to supply even a small proportion of those applying." Government agents all over the Dominion report, more or less, to the same effect. Farm labourers, female domestic and farm servants, may emigrate with confidence that they will find situations on arrival.

109. The total immigration expenditure in 1889 was \$126,043, in 1888 \$182,951, and in 1887 \$313,773; there was the large decrease, therefore, in the year under consideration, of \$56,908 as compared with 1888, and of \$187,730 as compared with 1887. Immigration expenditure.

110. The cost of settlers per head, not including arrivals reported through the Customs, was \$2.37, and including arrivals so reported, was \$1.37; the figures for the preceding year, 1888, being \$3.96 and \$2.55 respectively. The following table shows the cost per head of settlers since 1875:— Cost of settlers per head.

| YEAR. | NOT INCLUDING CUSTOMS. | | INCLUDING CUSTOMS. | |
|-----------|------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | Settlers. | Amount. | Settlers. | Amount. |
| | | \$ cts. | | \$ cts. |
| 1875..... | 19,243 | 14 00 | 27,382 | 10 83 |
| 1876..... | 14,499 | 19 60 | 25,633 | 11 12 |
| 1877..... | 15,323 | 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 |
| 1886..... | 43,875 | 6 87 | 69,152 | 4 36 |
| 1887..... | 54,704 | 5 74 | 84,526 | 3 71 |
| 1888..... | 57,106 | 3 96 | 88,766 | 2 55 |
| 1889..... | 52,983 | 2 37 | 91,600 | 1 37 |