

Excess of
money
sent from
Canada
over
amount
received.

329. 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.

Ocean mail
service.

330. 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, 1889, 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. The total amounts paid through the Post Office Department for ocean and inland navigation mail service was \$198,794.

Proposed
fast Atlan-
tic and
Pacific
Ocean
services

331. 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 contract with the Allan Line for the conveyance of mails between this country and Great Britain having expired, 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. Negotiations have been in progress for some time with reference to the Atlantic fast service, but no satisfactory agreement has yet been come to with any company. In the meantime the service is performed as usual by the Allan Line.