

1,457, being 435 more than in the previous year. The following are the numbers brought out in this way during the last seven years:—

	Number.
1883 .....	1,218
1884.....	2,011
1885.....	1,746
1886.....	1,988
1887.....	2,298
1888.....	1,622
1889.....	1,022
1890.....	1,457

According to the immigration returns of Ontario, 18,196 children have been settled in this way in that Province since 1868.

Falling off  
in immi-  
gration.

102. It will be seen from the above tables that there was a general falling off in the number of immigrants during 1890, attributable to the reduced amount of emigration from Great Britain in consequence of higher wages and the improved condition of trade, but this falling off was partly counterbalanced by a marked improvement in the class of immigrants, many them having means enough to settle on land immediately after their arrival.

Immigra-  
tion into  
Ontario.

103. According to the returns of the Department of Immigration in Ontario, out of 4,610,665 emigrants from the British Isles to places out of Europe during the years 1874 to 1889, inclusive, 297,971, or 6.46 per cent., settled in Ontario, and the total number from all parts reported to have settled in the Province during the years 1868 to 1890, inclusive, was 579,039, bringing with them effects to the value, as far as the returns went, of \$6,014,429.

Difficulty  
of obtain-  
ing correct  
returns.

104. The numbers of immigrants reported by the agents and by the Custom houses may be taken to be correct as far as they go, but there are not any means of ascertaining with accuracy the arrivals and departures from and to the United States.