

CHINESE.

Statement showing the transactions under the Chinese Immigration Act to the 30th June, 1897.

The Act went into force as respects arrivals by vessels sailing from ports in North America on the 20th day of August, 1885, and as respects arrivals by other vessels on the 1st day of January, 1886, vide 48-49 Victoria, chapter 71.

The Act as it appears in the Revised Statutes, chapter 67 (1886), is slightly changed from the original. There have been since then two amendments thereto, viz., as per 50-51 Victoria, chapter 35 (1887), and 55-56 Victoria, chapter 25 (1892).

The administration of the Act was by Order in Council of 1st September, 1885, assigned to the Department of Customs and transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce by Order in Council of the 13th of March, 1893.

The annual revenue, expenditure, &c., under the Act has been as follows:—

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	IMMIGRANTS.		Total Collections from all sources.	Refunds.	Expenses of Collection	Share of Capitation Fee paid to Provinces.
	Exempt.	Paying Fees.				
	No.	No.				
1886.	1	211	11,693	450	1,629	2,525
1887.		124	7,425	2,124	1,450
1888.		290	15,694	2,041	3,588
1889.	112	782	40,808	250	2,104	9,600
1890.	97	1,069	56,258	300	1,635	13,250
1891.	12	2,114	107,786	300	1,761	26,275
1892.	6	3,272	166,502	550	1,980	40,663
1893.	14	2,244	113,491	2,100	2,535	27,387
1894.	22	2,087	105,021	500	3,470	25,437
1895.	22	1,440	72,475	550	3,288	17,200
1896.	24	1,762	88,800	950	2,874	21,312
1897.	24	2,447	123,119	1,250	2,955	29,900
Totals.	334	17,842	909,073	7,200	28,395	218,587

During the same period 8,702 have taken out certificates of leave or registered for leave up to 30th June, 1897, while a very large number have left the country without so registering, having no intention of returning, so that, for this latter reason, the number remaining in the country is uncertain.