

## CHINESE.

Statement showing the transactions under the Chinese Immigration Act to the 30th June, 1898.

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 first 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<br>30th JUNE. | IMMIGRANTS. |                 | Total<br>Collections<br>from<br>all sources. | Refunds. | Expenses<br>of<br>Collection | Share of<br>Capitation.<br>Fee<br>paid to<br>Provinces. |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|----------|------------------------------|---|
|                          | Exempt.     | Paying<br>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                        | 20,900  |
| 1898. ....               | 17          | 2,175           | 109,754                                      | 1,250    | 2,955                        | 26,400  |
| Totals. ....             | 351         | 20,017          | 1,018,827                                    | 8,450    | 31,354                       | 244,987   |

During the same period 9,504 have taken out certificates of leave or registered for leave up to 30th June, 1898, 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.