

CHINESE.

Statement showing the transactions under the Chinese Immigration Act to June 30, 1901.

The Act went into force as respects arrivals by vessels sailing from ports in North America on August 20, 1885, and as respects arrivals by other vessels on January 1, 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 The general Acts were repealed by the Act 63-64 Victoria, chapter 32, which came into force January 1, 1901.

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

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

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30.	IMMIGRANTS.		Total Collections from all sources.	Refunds.	Expenses of Collection	Share of Capitation Fee paid to Provinces.
	Exempt.	Paying Fees.				
	Number.	Number.	\$	\$	\$	\$
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	2,959	29,900
1898.	17	2,175	109,754	1,250	2,955	26,400
1899.	17	4,385	220,309	950	3,073	53,262
1900.	26	4,231	215,102	4,950	3,195	55,462
1901.	26	2,518	178,704	3,850	3,495	43,500
Totals.	420	31,151	1,632,942	18, 00	41,117	397,212

During the same period 12,669 have taken out certificates of leave or registered for leave up to June 30, 1901, while a very large number have left the country without so registering, having no intention of returning. According to the census of 1901 there were 17,299 Chinese in Canada. The census of 1891 gives the number as 9,129. In British Columbia, according to the recent census, there were 14,869 as against 8,910 in that province in 1891. The increase in British Columbia is equal to 67 per cent, while the total increase is equal to 90 per cent showing that the Chinese have spread throughout the country.