

The Indian fund. 108. The amount at the credit of the Indian fund, which consists of moneys accrued from annuities secured to the Indians under treaty, and from sales of land, timber, stone, etc., surrendered by them, was, on 30th June, 1891, \$3,515,234, the expenditure from which, charged principally to interest, amounted to \$285,490. The expenditure from parliamentary appropriations was \$932,213, making a total of \$1,217,703.

Land sold for Indians. 109. The quantity of land sold for the benefit of the Indians during the year was 18,950 acres, realizing \$26,477. The quantity of Indian land now held by the Government for sale is about 457,866 acres.

Immigration returns. 110. The greatest care is taken by the Department of Agriculture\* in collecting immigration returns and making them as accurate as possible, and under ordinary circumstances these returns would be most important factors in determining the increase in population; but standing alone, as they do, and without the assistance of any system of ascertaining the emigration, or of any system of collection of births and deaths, they are not reliable for that purpose, but at the same time contain much valuable information in themselves.

Immigrant arrivals and settlers, 1891. 111. According to the returns furnished by the department for 1891, the total number of immigrant arrivals was 187,378, of whom 105,213 were passengers for the United States, while the remaining 82,165 expressed their intention of settling in Canada. These figures show an increase, as compared with 1890, of 1,359 in the total number of arrivals, and of 7,098 in the number of settlers in Canada. The following numbers are those of immigrant arrivals in each of the years named who stated their intention of settling in Canada:—

#### IMMIGRANT SETTLERS IN CANADA, 1880-1891.

1880.	38,505
1881.	47,991
1882.	112,458
1883.	133,624
1884.	103,824
1885.	79,169
1886.	69,152
1887.	84,526
1888.	88,766
1889.	91,600
1890.	75,067
1891.	82,165

Settlers in various parts. 112. The total number of persons reported as having gone into Manitoba and the North-West was 21,067, of whom 15,180 proposed to stay in Manitoba, and 5,887 intended settling in the North-West. The total arrivals in Nova Scotia numbered 10,395, of whom 1,830 are reported to have settled in the province; 1,275 persons are said to have settled in New Brunswick, and 8,998 in British Columbia.

\* Immigration branch transferred to Department of the Interior, May, 1892.