

It must be remembered, however, that the means for obtaining information of this kind is very defective, and it is very likely that the actual value is considerably above the amount reported. In the 17 years given above it will be seen that a total value of \$47,045,729 has been brought into the country.

Immigration expenditure. 120. The total immigration expenditure in 1891 was \$179,779, being an increase of \$52,476 as compared with 1890.

Cost of settlers, per head. 121. The cost of settlers per head, not including arrivals reported through the Customs, was \$3.98, and including arrivals so reported, was \$2.18; the figures for the preceding year, 1890, being \$3.06 and \$1.69 respectively. The following table shows the cost per head of settlers since 1875:—

YEAR.	NOT INCLUDING CUSTOMS.		INCLUDING CUSTOMS.	
	Settlers.	Amount.	Settlers.	Amount.
		\$ cts.		\$ cts.
1875 .....	19,243	14 00	27,382	10 83
1876 .....	14,499	19 60	25,633	11 12
1877 .....	15,323	12 00	27,082	6 78
1878 .....	18,372	9 63	29,807	6 23
1879 .....	30,717	5 74	40,492	4 35
1880 .....	27,544	6 59	38,505	4 71
1881 .....	32,587	6 32	49,991	4 30
1882 .....	81,904	4 23	112,458	3 08
1883 .....	98,637	4 26	133,624	3 15
1884 .....	68,633	6 28	103,824	4 15
1885 .....	46,868	6 62	79,169	3 92
1886 .....	43,875	6 87	69,152	4 36
1887 .....	54,704	5 74	84,526	3 71
1888 .....	57,106	3 96	88,766	2 55
1889 .....	52,983	2 37	91,600	1 37
1890 .....	41,549	3 06	75,067	1 69
1891 .....	45,051	3 98	82,165	2 18

It will be seen that the average cost per head is considerably less than it was some years ago.

Demand for farm and domestic servants.

122. The various immigration agents again report that the demand for farm servants and female help continues to increase, and the present supply is very inadequate to meet it. The agent at Montreal reports, of agricultural labourers, that the applications made for good agricultural hands were far in excess of the supply, that the arrivals of female farm servants were wholly inadequate to satisfy the demand, and that the dearth of female domestics continues, there being a large and ever-increasing demand which cannot be supplied. Government agents all over the Dominion report, more or less, to the same effect.