

Immigration.

The following facts are derived from the Report of the Minister of Agriculture, the Reports of the Local Governments, of the Bureau of Statistics of Washington, and of the Imperial Immigration Commissioners. The following statement shows the number of settlers in Canada, and the immigrants who have passed through Canada for the Western States since 1855:—

	<i>Passengers through Canada.</i>	<i>Settled in Canada.</i>
1856.....	41,704.....	10,091
1857.....	47,312.....	14,666
1858.....	58,688.....	12,765
1859.....	5,202.....	12,040
1870.....	44,313.....	21,706
1871.....	37,949.....	27,773
1872.....	52,008.....	26,578
1873.....	49,659.....	50,060
1874.....	40,649.....	39,373

The figures for the year 1875 have not been obtained as these pages go to press; but from those which have appeared it is certain there is a very great falling off in the immigration both to Canada and the United States. The settlers in Canada will probably not reach 22,000. The immigration arrivals at Quebec for the last two years were:—

In 1874.....	21,359
" 1875.....	13,600

The decline thus indicated is owing to the commercial crisis which has prevailed, and it shows the measure of the shrinkage of the immigrant passenger traffic by the St. Lawrence.

The following table shows the nationalities of the immigrants arrived at Quebec for the last three years. (The nationalities of those who arrive at the inland ports cannot be ascertained):—

	1872.	1873.	1874.
English.....	14,867	18,004	13,286
Irish.....	3,410	4,336	2,650
Scotch.....	4,165	4,765	2,661
German.....	764	789	462
Scandinavian.....	10,148	4,447	1,407
French & Belgians.....	1,366	2,634	1,632
Other origins.....	23	76
Icelanders.....	351
Mennonites.....	1,582
Totals.....	37,743	38,901	23,694

The following is a comparative statement of the trades and callings of the steerage male adults who landed at Quebec from 1870 to 1874 inclusive:—

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Farmers.....	2,336	1,470	1,743
Labourers.....	6,159	6,202	4,350
Clerks & Traders.....	79	62	22
Professional Men.....	14	7	1
Totals.....	15,427	15,403	8,823

Almost the whole of the immigrants now come by Steamship, instead of by sailing vessel. The cost is a little more. But the comfort and speed and comparative healthiness are immensely superior by the steamship:—

	1873.	1874.
By steamships.....	31,460	23,332
" sailing vessels.....	2,041	512

The following table continued from previous Year Books, shows the movement of Immigration to and through the Dominion from 1851 to 1874 inclusive:—

Years.	Arrivals by the St. Law- rence.	Via the United States	Settled in Canada.	Went to the United States
1851.....	41,076	3,670	22,515	22,281
1852.....	39,178	3,500	29,943	14,733
1853.....	36,699	5,000	22,295	11,404
1854.....	53,185	7,000	35,800	21,383
1855.....	21,374	10,000	28,000	8,254
1856.....	23,439	10,729	21,816	8,852
1857.....	32,069	41,904	33,963	40,423
1858.....	12,810	26,980	12,340	27,580
1859.....	3,773	13,179	4,300	16,657
1860.....	10,150	4,829	7,827	7,152
1861.....	19,923	23,793	13,486	19,249
1862.....	23,176	40,450	23,798	33,826
1863.....	19,419	23,943	26,126	17,249
1864.....	10,147	27,048	21,798	24,487
1865.....	21,355	23,653	19,413	30,785
1866.....	23,643	23,147	10,001	41,704
1867.....	31,757	31,121	14,666	47,212
1868.....	34,300	37,148	12,765	58,683
1869.....	43,114	32,718	13,630	57,202
1870.....	44,475	21,544	24,706	44,313
1871.....	37,029	27,865	27,773	37,949
1872.....	34,746	54,444	26,578	53,600
1873.....	36,901	62,307	50,060	49,059
1874.....	21,359	58,063	39,373	40,649
Totals.....	691,029	602,181	372,684	730,742

The number of immigrants to Canada from the United States, as distinguished from those who simply entered the Continent by United States ports showed very great increase in 1874, the following are the figures:—

1873	8,971
1874.....	11,110

The decline in the numbers of emigrants from all parts since 1873 has been very marked. The following figures are taken from official returns published by the Marine Department of the Board of Trade, distinguishing the destinations:—

	1873.	1874.
To United States.....	233,073	148,161
North American Colonies.....	37,226	25,450
Ausralian Colonies.....	2,423	51,865
All other places.....	12,968	13,445
Total emigration from Great Britain.....	310,612	241,914