

Immigration.

The statistics of Immigration for the last two years have shown the fact of a most serious check to the outflow of population from Europe to America; and, as regards the United Kingdom, an actual gain of *immigrants* from the United States over *emigrants* from Great Britain to the States was made in 1876, the former being 54,697, the latter 54,554. The figures refer to persons of British origin only.

We continue the figures of Immigration to Canada from the *Year Book of 1877*.

The following statement shows the number of settlers in Canada, and the Immigrants who have passed through Canada for the Western States since 1866:

	<i>Passengers through Canada.</i>	<i>Settled in Canada.</i>
1866	41,704	10,091
1867	47,212	14,466
1868	58,688	12,765
1869	51,202	18,680
1870	44,313	24,706
1871	37,949	27,773
1872	52,603	36,578
1873	49,059	50,050
1874	40,649	39,373
1875	9,214	27,382
1876	10,916	25,633

The figures for the calendar year 1877 cannot be obtained as these sheets go to press. But it is known there is a large decline on the preceding year in the immigration not only to Canada but to the whole continent.

The immigrant arrivals at Quebec for the last three years, have been as follows:

In 1874	21,359
" 1875	13,500
" 1876	10,901

It is known that the arrivals at Quebec in 1877 were only about half the numbers of 1876.

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

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
English	18,004	13,298	7,582	4,989
Irish	4,336	2,650	1,449	803
Scotch	4,665	2,562	1,816	1,009
German	739	462	176	104
Scandinavian	4,417	1,407	1,201	1,157
French and Belgians	2,634	1,632	534	289
Other origins	76	.....	.....	20
Icelanders	.....	351	22	1,167
Mennonites	.....	1,532	3,258	1,858
Russians	.....	.....	.....	20
Totals	36,901	23,894	16,038	10,901

The following is a comparative statement of the trades and callings of the steerage male adults who landed at Quebec for the last four years:—

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Farmers	1,470	1,763	1,183	510
Labourers	6,204	4,259	3,863	2,796
Clerks and Traders	62	32	977	491
Professional Men	7	1	7	13
Totals	15,403	8,828	6,035	3,810

The above classification cannot be made of Immigrants arriving at other ports of the Dominion than Quebec.

The arrival of immigrants in the Dominion by sea, for the last four years, are as follows:

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Quebec	36,901	23,894	16,038	10,901
Maritime Provinces	2,659	2,114	959	1,311
Total	39,560	26,008	16,997	12,212

The arrivals at the inland ports of the Dominion may be stated as follows for the corresponding four years:

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Susp'n Bridge and other inland ports Entered at Custom Houses with settl'rs goods	50,578	39,904	18,322	13,203
	8,971	14,110	8,130	11,134
Total	59,549	54,014	26,461	24,337

The two preceding tables include all immigrants, that is both settlers in Canada and passengers through Canada for the Western States.

The following table, continued from previous *Year Books*, shows the move-