

The arrivals with settlers' goods, as reported by the Customs officials, showed an increase of 3,596 as compared with 1890. It will be seen that far the largest proportion was composed of Canadians who, having tried settlement in the United States, were returning to their native land.

Number of children brought in 116. The number of those, chiefly children, brought into Canada last year by charitable societies and individuals was 3,418, being 1,961 more than in the previous year. The following are the numbers brought out in this way during the last eight years :—

Year.	Number.
1883.....	1,218
1884.....	2,011
1885.....	1,746
1886.....	1,988
1887.....	2,298
1888.....	1,622
1889.....	1,022
1890.....	1,457
1891.....	3,418

According to the immigration returns of Ontario, 19,619 children have been settled in this way in that province since 1868.

Immigra- 117. According to the returns of the Department of Immigration into tion into Ontario. Ontario, out of 4,926,645 emigrants from the British Isles to places out of Europe during the years 1874 to 1890, inclusive, 309,397, or 6.28 per cent, settled in Ontario, and the total number from all parts reported to have settled in the province during the years 1868 to 1891, inclusive, was 597,111, bringing with them effects to the value, as far as the returns went, of \$6,457,046.

Difficulty of obtain- 118. The numbers of immigrants reported by the agents and by the ing correct Custom houses may be taken to be correct as far as they go, but there returns. are not any means of ascertaining with accuracy the arrivals and departures from and to the United States. Where there is such a long line of open frontier there must always be a considerable movement of population on both sides, of which it is impossible to obtain any record. The nearest possible approximation would be to obtain a record of the *ins* and the *outs* on the principal routes of travel, the differences between which would be the net immigration or emigration, as the case may be. It is scarcely possible even to form a general idea of the numbers that yearly settle in each province; the agents have no means at their command by which they can follow the immigrants after they once leave the agency, and the subsequent movements of many would undoubtedly considerably alter the figures given. The greatest care is taken by the department, and by the agents, that all the returns shall be as accurate as possible, but the only ones that can be thoroughly relied on, except the entries at Custom houses, which are a registration by names, are those of arrivals