

AREA AND POPULATION.

IMMIGRATION.

Immigrant Arrivals in 1915.—Immigration into Canada continues to be affected by the European war, the number of immigrants in 1915 showing a further marked decline. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1916, the number of immigrant arrivals was 48,537, as compared with 144,789 in 1915 and 384,878 in 1914, the year before the war broke out. Of the total number of immigrants in 1915-16, 8,664, or 18 p.c., came from the United Kingdom, 36,937, or 76 p.c., came from the United States and 2,936, or 6 p.c., came from other countries. For the calendar year 1915 the total number of immigrant arrivals was 48,466, including 9,606 from the United Kingdom, 36,098 from the United States and 2,762 from other countries.

Juvenile Immigration.—The Chief Inspector of British Immigrant Children and Receiving Homes reports that in 1915-16, 821 children were received in Canada through 10 different agencies and were placed in foster homes or situations. Applications for the services of these children remain largely in excess of the supply, as appears from Table 40. This shows the number of British Juvenile immigrants—not members of families—and the number of applications for their services received by the various agencies during the fiscal years 1901 to 1916. Altogether about 77,800 children have been placed out in Canada since the organization of this class of immigration began in 1868. Of the total, about 26,300 have come from the Dr. Barnardo Homes.

Oriental Immigration.—Tables 43 and 44 relate to Chinese immigration and give a record of such immigration since 1886 and the number of Chinese in Canada at the Censuses of 1901 and 1911. In 1885, owing to the heavy influx of Chinese into Canada, legislation (48-49 Vict. c. 71) was passed providing that thereafter Chinese of the labouring classes be required as a condition of their entry into the Dominion to pay a head tax of \$50 each; on January 1, 1901 (63-64 Vict. 1900, c. 32), this amount was increased to \$100 and on January 1, 1904 (3 Edw. VII, 1903, c. 8), to \$500. The exempt classes have varied slightly from time to time; but, generally speaking, have included consular officers, their wives, children and suites, Chinese merchants, their wives and children, and Chinese belonging to the learned professions. Practically all of those who have been admitted as exempt have been merchants and members of merchants' families. Chinese are allowed under the Act to register out of Canada for absence abroad for a period of twelve months, which registration allows them the privilege of free return within the period specified. For each of these registrations a fee of \$1 is charged. The total revenue under the Chinese Immigration Act is made up of head taxes, registration fees for leave of absence and fines collected for infringements of the Act. From 1886 to 1902 one quarter of the net proceeds of the revenues under the Chinese Immigration Act was paid to the provinces wherein they were collected. From 1903 the proportion so paid to the provinces