

**Expenditure on Immigration.**—The sums expended by the Dominion Government on immigration in each of the fiscal years ended 1868 to 1923 inclusive, as stated in the Public Accounts issued annually by the Department of Finance, are shown in Table 71.

**71.—Expenditure on Immigration in the Fiscal Years 1868-1923.**

(Compiled from the Public Accounts).

| Year.     | \$      | Year.     | \$      | Year.                   | \$        | Year.             | \$                |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1868..... | 36,050  | 1883..... | 373,958 | 1898.....               | 261,195   | 1912.....         | 1,365,000         |
| 1869..... | 26,952  | 1884..... | 511,209 | 1899.....               | 255,879   | 1913.....         | 1,427,112         |
| 1870..... | 55,966  | 1885..... | 423,861 | 1900.....               | 434,563   | 1914.....         | 1,893,298         |
| 1871..... | 54,004  | 1886..... | 257,355 | 1901.....               | 444,730   | 1915.....         | 1,658,182         |
| 1872..... | 109,954 | 1887..... | 341,236 | 1902.....               | 494,842   | 1916.....         | 1,307,480         |
| 1873..... | 265,718 | 1888..... | 244,789 | 1903.....               | 642,914   | 1917.....         | 1,181,991         |
| 1874..... | 291,297 | 1889..... | 202,499 | 1904.....               | 744,788   | 1918.....         | 1,211,954         |
| 1875..... | 278,777 | 1890..... | 110,092 | 1905.....               | 972,357   | 1919.....         | 1,112,079         |
| 1876..... | 338,179 | 1891..... | 181,045 | 1906.....               | 842,668   | 1920.....         | 1,388,185         |
| 1877..... | 309,353 | 1892..... | 177,605 | 1907 <sup>1</sup> ..... | 611,201   | 1921.....         | 1,688,961         |
| 1878..... | 154,351 | 1893..... | 180,677 | 1908.....               | 1,074,697 | 1922.....         | 2,052,371         |
| 1879..... | 186,403 | 1894..... | 202,235 | 1909.....               | 979,326   | 1923.....         | 1,987,745         |
| 1880..... | 161,213 | 1895..... | 195,653 | 1910.....               | 960,676   |                   |                   |
| 1881..... | 214,251 | 1896..... | 120,199 | 1911.....               | 1,079,130 | <b>Total.....</b> | <b>34,420,982</b> |
| 1882..... | 215,339 | 1897..... | 127,438 |                         |           |                   |                   |

<sup>1</sup> Nine months.

## 2.—Immigration Policy.

At the close of the war there was a general anticipation that the movement of immigration to Canada would again become very heavy, but for several reasons this anticipation was not realized. Canada, in common with all other countries, experienced a share of the dislocation of business and the industrial uncertainties of the reconstruction period. The demobilization of the Canadian forces, coincident with the suspension of all war activities, created a surplus of labour which made it impracticable for the Canadian Department of Immigration and Colonization to extend inducements to immigration. The welfare of the country seemed to demand that, as a rule, only those should be admitted who would assist in developing its natural resources, chief among which is its fertile agricultural land. Farmers and farm labourers became more than ever the objective of the Department. Other factors contributing to a lower immigration as compared with the period immediately preceding the war were the high cost of ocean and land transportation and the balance of exchange against British and European settlers, coupled with the generally impoverished condition of some of the countries which had formerly contributed immigrants, and the fact that, although great areas of land were still available in Canada as free homesteads, they were now located for the most part at considerable distances from railways. The recent policy of the Department has been not to encourage settlement in localities likely to require additional railway construction at an early date. Most of the restrictive regulations have now been cancelled, but they created in the minds of many people outside of Canada some doubt as to their welcome in the Dominion.