

boat proprietors on Lake Ontario for transport west of Kingston, were about 25 per cent. cheaper than last year. The rates in this section of the province were much the same as last year.

The following were the rates paid on the main route from Quebec to Hamilton, for indigent emigrants forwarded by the department, viz :—

EMIGRATION.
Report.

	Contract with the Department.	To the Public.
	s. d.	s. d.
From Quebec to Montreal	2 0	2 6
„ Montreal to Beauhar ois	3 4	5 0
„ „ Lancaster	5 10	8 9
„ „ Cornwall	6 8	10 0
„ „ Williamsburg	7 6	11 3
„ „ Matilda	8 4	12 6
„ „ Prescott	8 4	12 6
„ „ Brockville	8 4	12 6
„ „ Kingston	10 0	15 0
„ „ Bytown (Ottawa)	7 6	10 0
„ „ On the line of the Rideau Canal or to } Kingston }	10 0	12 6
On Lake Ontario :—		
„ Kingston to Coburg or Port Hope	4 0	7 6
„ „ Bond Head to Darlington	5 0	8 9
„ „ Windsor Bay or Toronto	6 3	10 0
„ Toronto to Port Cudet	1 3	2 0
„ „ Oakville	2 0	2 6
„ „ Wellington Square or Hamilton	2 6	3 9
„ „ Niagara or Queenstown	2 6	5 0

The actual cost to the Department of an adult passage, with an allowance of 1 cwt. of luggage, from Quebec to Hamilton, a distance of 571 miles, is 20s. 9d., = 16s. 4½d. sterling. The time required is 72 to 80 hours, a less time than was formerly required to go from Montreal to Kingston, by the Rideau canal route.

The same person paying his own passage would be subjected to a charge of 30s. or 24s. sterling.

In the course of the season there have been assisted by the provision of a free passage from this agency, chiefly to Montreal, 6,038 persons, equal to 4,497 adults, viz., 1,431 men, 2,062 women, 1,998 children from 3 to 12 years, and 547 under 3 years, of whom were natives of England, 311; of Ireland, 5,680; of Scotland, 16; and of Germany, 31. The number of free passages granted to Montreal, was 5,692; to Port St. Francis, 307; to New Brunswick, 39; at an outlay of 414l. 3s. 10d. To this is to be added the sum of 16l. 18s., for the inland transport of 82 persons forwarded from Port St. Francis, which makes the entire expenditure for transport 431l. 1s. 10d. There has been expended for provisions, 87l. 19s. 11d.; and for medical relief, 49l. 19s. 10d.; making the expenditure in the direct relief of the season's emigration at this agency, 569l. 1s. 7d.

On a comparison of this expenditure with that of 1845, there is found an increase on the account for provisions and medical comforts, of 43l. 5s. 8d. But the expenditure for transport has been reduced by 201l. 10s. 2d., so there would have been a decrease in the expenditure of the season at this port, equal to 158l. 4s. 6d., had not the extraordinary contingent expense involved by the assistance afforded in the case of the "Elizabeth and Sarah," been necessarily incurred (265l.), thus making the total expenditure 834l. 1s. 7d. currency, being an increase of 106l. 15s. 6d. on the year 1845.

From the active competition carried on during the greater part of the season, by the rival steam-boat proprietors between Quebec and Montreal, the steerage passage has been so low as 7½d. or 6d. sterling, for each person, and to take advantage of this circumstance in favour of the indigent emigrant, I have replaced the passage-ticket, which would necessarily involve the contract rate of 2s., by a donation to the applicant of 7½d. in money. But, in general, I have found room to refuse the assistance altogether. This low rate has been the means of relieving this agency from a large number of applications, which in the case of higher charges for passage would have required relief.

At Montreal, from the returns of that agency, it appears that 9,035 persons, equal to 8,188 adults, received a free passage from that place, chiefly to Kingston, at an expense of 3,841l. 1s. 9d.: and that provisions were issued to them to the amount of 143l. 11s. 5d. The expense of medical attendance and care, including

Assistance in Trans-
port at Quebec.

Montreal Agency.