

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CANADA.	At Montreal: 410 adults @ 5s.	-	-	-	102	10	0
	145 children @ 3s. 9d.	-	-	-	27	3	9
					129 13 9		
					Net tax received 7,669 0 10		
					Imperial appropriation, 1,500 <i>l.</i> sterling 1,825 0 0		
					£ 9,494 0 10		

On a comparison of this amount of resources with the amount of expenditure it leaves a deficiency of 343*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

A deficiency in the resources of the department I fully anticipated in my report of last year, in consequence of the reduction in the amount of tax levied under the Provincial Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 78., which came into force 1st November 1851. The decrease in the amount received under this Act on the emigration of the past season was equal to the sum of 3,722*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* currency.

The fund has also suffered a loss equal to 66*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* on the shipwrecked emigrants, as no duties are collected unless the vessel arrives in port and enters at the Custom House.

Bonds.

Bonds were taken in but two cases during the past season under the Provincial Act, 12 Vict. c. 6. Both were commuted under the authority allowed by the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 3., the parties having relations in Upper Canada who were anxious and willing to provide for them. The bonds were commuted in a sum sufficient to cover all the expenses attending their removal from this to the care of their friends.

The whole amount chargeable on the Emigrant Fund during the past season amounted to 5*s.* 4*d.* on each emigrant embarked from Europe, exclusive of children under 1 year; and the actual amount of emigrant tax received was but equal to 4*s.* 4*d.*

Distribution.

Owing to the increased facilities and means of inland transport caused by so many lines of propellers and steamers proceeding direct from Montreal to almost every port on Lake Ontario and Erie, Mr. Hawke reports that he has found it impossible to ascertain the number of emigrants that enter Upper Canada with any degree of correctness.

It appears from the returns furnished by the agent at Montreal that there proceeded—

To Western Canada	-	-	-	-	31,600
To the Ottawa country	-	-	-	-	2,500
Settled in Montreal, and employed in the eastern townships	-	-	-	-	1,100
Went to the United States via Lake Champlain	-	-	-	-	2,800
Remaining in the district of Quebec	-	-	-	-	1,176
					39,176

Of those who proceeded to Western Canada it is estimated that about one third went direct to the Western States. Of this number 5,000 were foreigners; Norwegians and Germans. This would leave about 26,000 of the emigration received by the "St. Lawrence" as remaining in Canada. There has, however, been a very considerable emigration into Western Canada by the route of the United States, which, in the absence of any positive data, I should estimate at from 3,000 to 4,000; among these there was a large party of Germans; so that the province, it is estimated, has received an accession to its population from emigration of the past season of at least 30,000 souls.

The emigration of 1852 has, on the whole, been most satisfactory; healthy beyond any previous year. They have generally been well clothed, and comfortable in appearance; presenting none of that squalid misery which in previous years I have felt called upon to notice.

The decrease in the number of paupers, when compared with that of last year, and the more liberal provision which has been made for them, has also had a favourable effect; and this, coupled with the unprecedented demand which existed for labourers of all descriptions, has relieved this department of any anxiety as to their future success.

Emigration from Lower Ports.

The emigration from the lower ports presents a small increase over that of last year. They were from Cape Breton, Prince Edward's Island, and New Brunswick, chiefly Scotch or their descendants, who, having disposed of their farms, are removing to Western Canada to settle. A considerable number stated their destination to be Goderich, and the settlements bordering on Lake Huron.

Foreign emigration.

The foreign emigration of the past season shows a large increase over that of 1851; and the opinion expressed in my report of last year, as to the increase which would take place in this class of our emigration, when the advantages of the St. Lawrence route would become more generally known, have been fully realised; and, from the satisfaction expressed by the emigrants and the masters of foreign vessels engaged in this trade, I anticipate a further increase during the season of 1853.

Considerable exertions are also being made by private individuals interested in this section of the province to encourage the introduction of a healthy foreign emigration, with the view to their becoming permanent settlers.

The whole of the Norwegians of the past season proceeded direct to Melwaukie on Lake Michigan. They appeared generally in comfortable circumstances. Several parties, I am aware, brought out a considerable amount of money.