

REPORT.

To the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,

I have the honour to present a Report for the year 1875 of that part of the business of this Agency which consists in the superintendence of emigration under your authority.

In my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1874, I detailed the arrangements that had been made for improving the organization, increasing the accommodation, and enlarging the scope of the Agency General in accordance with the policy of the Government. That policy was not only to increase the general efficiency of the emigration service, but to utilise the Agency for the transaction of other and general business of various departments of the State, to look diligently after the interests of Canada in Great Britain and on the Continent, and to afford accommodation which was very much needed by Canadians visiting London for purposes of reference, for correspondence, and in some cases for assistance in matters of business or otherwise.

Without trenching upon the ground occupied by my Report to the Secretary of State, I should in this Report convey to you the information that these objects have been satisfactorily accomplished, and that, so far as the above aims are concerned, the policy of the Government has proved to be a success.

It is somewhat difficult to distinguish in the work and in the accounts of a General Agency like this, precisely those items which belong to one department from the other. The demands which are made upon the officials and clerks by the different departments of State present a great variety, and it is impossible to assign them specifically to any particular persons. Therefore, in considering the amount of work which is done on behalf of the Immigration Department—which pays nearly the whole of the expenses connected with the Agency—it is needful to bear in mind the fact that a considerable amount of labour falls upon the clerks which does not belong to that department. During the past season, for instance, it has been my duty to superintend the carrying out of the contracts