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never have been brought within that category. Everyone crossing to the States and declaring himself an immigrant was put down as such in American statistics and cited to swell the so-called exodus from Canada by those who sought in this way to make a showing against the government. As a matter of fact many were persons going for very short periods, with no intention of remaining in the United States. It is only since March of last year that our own officials have taken any account of Canadians returning, who have been for over six months and less than three years in the United States, and the figures show that they have been coming back at the rate of 5,000 a month, 34,000 having returned since the compilation began. The figures would be considerably larger did they include returning Canadians who had entered the United States professedly as immigrants and remained for a shorter period than six months.

The probable  
increase

The Minister of Immigration and Colonization assures his colleagues that with the steps his department has taken to induce the right kind of immigration to Canada, we may expect during the present and following years a flow of immigration similar to that which took place after the return of the Liberal Government to power in 1896, an influx that will have regard for stock and quality as well as numbers.

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