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The Immigration ern parts of Europe. Department has no less than twenty-one different officers in the United States, and they advertise the conditions of Western Canada, the free grants of land, and matters of that kind, in no less than seven thousand of the small country and agricultural journals in the States.

The consequence is there is a very large immigration into Canada from the United States. In the United Kingdom there are, I understand, nine centres-London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Exeter, York, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Belfast and Dublin-which are the principal headquarters from which literature is sent out, and lecturers with illustration wagons and gasoline motors are sent out to give exhibits of the products and describe the advantages and resources of Canada. So that I take it the Immigration Department are doing very well. They are doing the best that can be done, because in that way, in going to the smaller centres, and getting in touch with the agricultural labourer himself the people get an idea of how to reach this country and what to do when they come here. The consequence is that there has been a very great increase of immigration of agricultural labourers, which I am pleased to know is much appreciated in the West, and of which a characterization was given to me by one of the large.employers of that labour in the west. It is not necessary to go into the other details of what is being done, but I might say this, that on account of the extraordinary efforts which Australia has been putting forward lately, this country may not in the future be so successful in alluring British agricultural labourers to the Dominion. Australia, not content with adopting the same methods that Canada has been employing for a number of years, is granting bonuses and paying the whole or part of the fares of a great many of these people to Australia, so that we may expect in the future very strenuous competition from Australia in our efforts to obtain a good class of immigrants from the other side. It is anticipated that the immigration this year will total no less than 400,-

from Great Britain and Ireland for the last few years has been as follows:

1908-9									52,901
1909-10									59,790
1910-11									123,013
1911-12									138,121

For the same years the immigration from the United States has been as follows:

1908-9								59,832
1909-10								103,797
1910-11								121,451
1911-12								

The total immigration for the same years

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146,908
                         208.794
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That, I think, is a very satisfactory statement, and it is equally important that the class of immigrants is shown to be of good quality. I think we may fairly congratulate the Immigration Department on the success which has attended their efforts.

In addition to the reference to immigration, His Royal Highness also referred to the facts that a reciprocal arrangement has been made with the West Indies. We have been endeavouring to carry on a business with the West Indies for a great many years. They are a good class of customers, especially for the maritime provinces, and in using the term maritime provinces I include the province of Quebec, because its interests are identical with those of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The trouble hitherto has been to get return cargoes from the West Indies. The United States people have established frequent and first class steam communication with the West India Islands; they have regular freight boats and everything so well planned that they have really captured the trade. Now, if the arrangements which the government foreshadow will have the effect of establishing such steam connection with the West Indies as will offset that of the United States, or be just as good, it will be of great advantage to us. It will give us greatly increased trade. We will get the fruits of the tropical or sub-tropical countries at home without the delay involved 000 people. The immigration into Canada in passing through another country and, I

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