

of residence, citizenship, age at three periods of life, sex and occupation. The details of the occupations, as published in Mr. Nimmo's report, I subjoin as an exhibit herewith (marked H). We have here artists, clergymen, dentists, lawyers, doctors, barbers, bakers, weavers, fishermen, hotel-keepers, nurses, peddlars, &c., to the numbers of the figures stated. And with reference to such information, I have simply to remark that it could only, by any possibility, be obtained by a regular system of question and answer, and registration of the facts obtained on the spot—a method which would be plain to everybody who chose to observe it, and particularly so to the subjects of the information.

"I have crossed repeatedly in the immigrant cars, for the purpose of observation, but I have never seen anything of this kind done, and I am assured by the Canadian Collector of Customs at Sarnia, and other officials at that point, who are intimately acquainted with the whole of the proceedings, that nothing of this kind is done."

"It follows, indisputably, that the pretended information in the details which I have stated can only be set down by the methods as those described by Mr. Avery, Mr. Irwin and others officially employed in the United States service, as shown in the evidence given before the Immigration Committee of the Canadian Parliament, in 1884—that is, by a process plainly and unequivocally described by them as simple fabrication."

#### RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Then again, look at our advance in railway construction, I may say during the past ten years. The Province has aided largely in the construction of the following railways, some of them completed, others in the course of construction:—

The Levis and Kennebec, the International, the Quebec Central, the Montreal, Portland and Boston, the Waterloo and Magog, the South Eastern, the Mississiquoi Valley, the St. Lawrence and Champlain Junction, the Quebec and Lake St. John, the Montreal and Laurentian, the Pacific and Pontiac Junction, traversing with the Q.M.O. & O. Railway a large majority of the counties of the Province. These subsidized railways being upwards of