
RETURN

To an ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 20th April, 1874; For a Statement of the number of Emigrants conveyed over the Dawson Road to Manitoba, since the opening of said road; also, the cost of conveyance of such Emigrants to Manitoba, shewing the average cost of each person so carried.

By Command.

R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 26th February, 1875.

OTTAWA, 15th February, 1875.

(Memorandum.)

The number of emigrants conveyed over the route leading from Lake Superior to Manitoba, since the opening of the same in 1871, up to the end of October, 1873, and the approximate cost of their conveyance, were as follows:—

Passengers conveyed from July, 1871, to October, 1873, 2,739 persons, of whom there were classed as emigrants 805, remaining permanently as settlers in Manitoba.

The estimated average cost of carrying emigrants was \$25 per head, the actual charge in 1872 was \$15 per head, and in 1873 \$10 per head.

The line having been kept open for other purposes besides the conveyance of emigrants, such as the military occupation of the North-West Territories, and the carriage of workmen, material and supplies, the organization for transportation was not exclusively chargeable to this service.

Previous to the opening of the line for emigrants, about 2,000 people, soldiers, workmen and others, passed over it to Manitoba, and of these about 400 remained in the country and became settlers.

Of the workmen employed subsequently, a considerable number have settled permanently in the country.

Respectfully submitted.

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