

Bureau. But why strain a point of this kind? When all those details of age and sex are given, when it is determined that all the immigrants are aliens, that none of them are United States citizens returning from abroad, and when all the provinces from which it is alleged they came are stated; and all this without a single question being asked. It is even doubtful if every car door is opened by the officer who makes up the figures, or, in his own words "arrives at the information" in the best way he can.

There is, however, an easy and positive means of applying a test of criticism to the figures to which the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics has lent his official sanction. The great bulk of all the travel both east and west at the point of Port Huron is by the Grand Trunk Railway. There is a branch of the Great Western Railway at Sarnia, but this is not much used for the conveyance of through passengers, as these, for the most part, take the main line: and there is a ferry between the points of Sarnia and Port Huron, by which, as stated in my report last year, a few immigrants may pass with teams; but the only considerable movement possible is by the railways. And, fortunately for the purposes of this inquiry, the total numbers of passengers going east and west at this point are facts of exact official record.

The total number of passengers, that is of individuals, the half tickets being counted of all kinds, crossing at this point from east to west, by the Grand Trunk Railway, for the 12 months ended 30th June, were as follow:—

Passengers having purchased tickets in Canada to points in Canada, <i>via</i> United States.	5,658
Passengers from Canada to United States - - -	53,641
Ditto - - United States to Canada, N.W. - -	173
Ditto - - United States to United States - -	25,046
TOTAL going West - - -	84,518

This total includes all travellers for business and for pleasure, immigrants from Europe using Canadian steamships and railways to go to the Western States, migrants from the older Provinces of Canada to the Canadian North-West, and all passengers and migrants between the Eastern United States and the Western.

The corresponding figures for the same period by the Sarnia Branch of the Great Western Railway were as follow:—

From Canada to Western points in the United States -	1,345
From Eastern United States points to Western United States.	57
TOTAL - - -	1,402

Making a GRAND TOTAL of all Passengers going West by all Railways at this Point -}	85,920
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This claim of immigration, at Port Huron, as stated by the United States Customs' Collector, and officially published to the world on the authority of the Treasury Department at Washington, by the Chief of the United States Bureau of Statistics, is therefore 29.38 per cent. more than the total travel at that point. It is equivalent to the feat of exaggerating, by nearly 30 per cent., all the passengers who enter France at the ports of Calais and Boulogne, and then claiming the result as immigration into that country from England.

It is thus established that such a claim is both impossible and absurd. But this view will become more striking when we more closely examine the figures.

The item of 53,641 of passengers who obtained tickets in Canada for points in the Western United States, includes 14,624 immigrants from Europe who obtained tickets at Quebec, and 491 immigrants from Europe who obtained tickets at Halifax for points west of Port Huron, in the Western United States, and were therefore simply passengers from Europe (largely from Scandinavia) using Canadian routes. These must be deducted.