

These two went to Manitoba, where they made arrangements with the Catholic authorities for the settlement of a certain number of families in that Province. All these gentlemen also visited Toronto, and reported that they had made arrangements with the Ontario Government, assisted by the Catholic authorities, for the distribution and settlement of a number of Irish families within the Province of Ontario."

So that, while the friends of these hon. gentlemen in Ontario are inviting those immigrants to come here from the other side, and offering all kinds of inducements, all kinds of promises, for the purpose of securing immigration to this country of this class of persons, hon. gentlemen on the floor of Parliament, when they find a temporary glut in the labour market, when they think some little capital is to be made out of a Resolution of this kind, propose the Resolution which is now in your hands, and have supported it with speeches of which, I venture to say, no Parliament in the world ever heard the like from members of it against their own country.

Mr. CHARLTON. My hon. friend from Cardwell (Mr. White) expresses regret at the leader of the Opposition spending so much time in endeavouring to prove that the returns made by Mr. Nimmo, of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, were correct. Sir, the hon. leader of the Opposition never mentioned the name of Mr. Nimmo; he never referred to the returns of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, but he did present to the House an unanswerable argument, and showed most conclusively that the natural increase of Canada has been absorbed, to a large extent, by emigration from this country, and that not only had we lost a portion of the natural increase of our population, but had also lost a number equal to the entire emigration to this country for the last decade. The figures laid before this House, I repeat, by the leader of the Opposition, proved this beyond peradventure. They showed that the natural increase of this country would be at least 20 per cent., and that on the basis of that of the United States, it should be 22 per cent. They showed that we do not maintain that natural increase, that the population of this country was less at the last decade, with ordinary natural increase added, than the population of the decade before, and that, consequently, we have lost many thousands of the natural increase. Sir, whatever may be said with regard to the number of immigrants brought to this country—I think my hon. friend, the Minister of Public Works, said the number was something like 750,000 in the last decade—the higher the number that is stated by this gentleman as coming to this country the more conclusively do they prove that the emigration statistics of the United States, with reference to emigration from Canada, are correct and are not overdrawn. I have no doubt that the statements made by the Minister of Public Works (Sir Hector Langevin) with respect to immigration into Canada, are overdrawn. He claims that in 1882 the number was 112,000, while the British trade returns gives as the immigration from the British Isles to Canada, 40,441. The hon. gentleman claims that in 1883, 133,000 persons settled in Canada, while, as the leader of the Opposition has shown, the British trade returns show that the number of those leaving the British Isles for the Dominion was only 44,130. It may be true, and it is true, no doubt, that there has been an increase in the school population in Canada. It may be true that there has been an increase in the population of Canada; but that increase, as shown by the member for South Brant (Mr. Paterson) amounted, in the last decade, to only 17 per cent., and it has been shown by the leader of the Opposition, that the natural increase, without reference to immigration, should have exceeded 20 per cent. There has been a disagreement as to the statistics, with respect to immigration between Canada and the United States, as between the Canadian and American authorities. There has been, so far as I am aware, no interchange of views between the authorities of the two

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countries, no correspondence by the Department of Agriculture with the Bureau of Statistics in Washington, no attempt to reconcile the discrepancies between the statistics collected by the respective parties. It is true, an American ex-official of rather shady reputation was summoned here the other day, a gentleman, if I may characterize him as a gentleman, who has been discharged from his situation in an American Custom house, since which time he has been filling the high position of brakeman on a railway, and that gentleman did give evidence which militated to some extent against the figures of the American immigration statisticians, but I think proof has been furnished to-night, in the speech of the leader of the Opposition, that the statements made by the American authorities, with respect to the number of immigrants entering the United States from Canada during the last ten years, has not been overdrawn. I do not believe we can account for the disappearance of the population, that is, our natural increase, in any other way. It is not plain that the immigration to Manitoba and the North-West has been, all told, more than 230,000. The Minister of Railways (Sir Charles Tupper) claimed, in his speech not long since, that prior to 1880, it was 64,000, and subsequently, 169,000 had gone in there. Adding those numbers together, they do not equal the number who have emigrated to the United States, and the total does not make up the difference which would appear to exist in the population of Canada, if we admit the natural increase at 20 per cent., and add the immigration which it is claimed came into this country. With respect to the question of emigration to the United States, the leader of the Opposition alluded very briefly to some statistics, as to the number of Canadians shown to be in that country, by the Census of 1850-80, to the death rate which would diminish that Canadian population, and he drew from those figures and statements the inference that the statements of the American authorities, with respect to immigration, were not overdrawn. I will deal with this question a little more fully, showing how the results are arrived at. The following table will make this clear:—

Canadian population of the United States as per Census of 1870, without Newfoundland.....	490,041
Canadian population of United States as per Census of 1880	712,368
Increase in 10 years	222,327
Annual death rate per 1,000 in England for the last 37 years, 22; in United States, say 20.	
Canadian population in United States 1st June, 1870..	490,041
Immigration, 1870.....	40,911
	530,952
Death rate, 1870—20	10,619
Population, 1st January, 1871.....	520,333
Immigration, 1871.....	47,031
	567,364
Death rate, 1871—20	11,347
Population, 1st January, 1872.....	556,017
Immigration, 1872	30,172
	586,189
Death rate, 1872	11,723
Population, 1st January, 1873.....	574,466
Immigration, 1873	37,871
	612,337
Death rate, 1873	12,246
Population, 1st January, 1874	600,091
Immigration, 1874.....	35,339
	635,430
Death rate, 1874.....	12,708
Population, 1st January, 1875.....	622,722
Immigration, 1875.....	26,142
	648,864