

CANADA.

number of persons landed in the colony, 21,274 souls. This number, when compared with the emigration of 1854, shows the large decrease of 31,909 souls.

The following is a comparative statement of the emigration of the past two years from each country, with the decrease during the season of 1855 :—

COUNTRY.	1854.	1855.	DECREASE IN 1855.
England - - - - -	18,175	6,754	11,421
Ireland - - - - -	16,168	4,106	12,062
Scotland - - - - -	6,446	4,859	1,587
Germany - - - - -	5,688	3,597	2,091
Norway - - - - -	5,849	1,267	4,582
New Brunswick, Cape Breton, &c. - -	857	691	166
	53,183	21,274	31,909

A singular feature in this return, as will be seen, is, that the emigration from Scotland direct exceeds, to a small extent, that from Ireland; and on reference to the emigration to this port from the year 1840, I find the annual average arrivals from Ireland was 18,513, while from Scotland it was but 4,064 persons; and while the decrease of the Irish emigration during the past season shows a falling off of near 300 per cent. that from Scotland is somewhat less than 25 per cent.

Of the emigration under the head of England, 3,854, or upwards of one-half, sailed from the port of Liverpool, a considerable portion of whom were Irish and Germans. On an examination of the lists of the several passenger ships from that port it will appear that the number embarked were, natives of

England - - - - -	1,422
Ireland - - - - -	1,459
Scotland - - - - -	512
Foreign - - - - -	461
	<u>3,854</u>

I also find that 51 Irish, 31 Scotch, and 2 Germans arrived here by vessels from other English ports; and that 65 Irish and 5 English came from the port of Glasgow.

The emigration from Europe during the past season may, therefore, be classed as follows :—Natives of

England - - - - -	4,310	Switzerland - - - - -	99
Ireland - - - - -	5,691	Italy - - - - -	10
Scotland - - - - -	5,348	Denmark - - - - -	8
Germany - - - - -	3,815	France - - - - -	4
Norway - - - - -	1,288		
Belgium - - - - -	143		
			<u>20,716</u>

From this statement it will appear that the foreign emigrants during the past season by this route number 5,367, against 18,018 in 1854.

The causes of this great diminution in our emigration may, in a great measure, be traced to those circumstances which were assumed by me in my last annual report to your Excellency; and on reference to the observations which I therein made, in at least as far as regards the paucity of emigration from Ireland