

ly more than the member who is addressing the House. In 1872 and 1873, you have in consequence large sums paid for immigration. The immigration policy is always one in which it is necessary from time to time to make changes. You cannot predicate anything from one year to another, and so it is one of those services in which constant vigilance is to be kept in seeing how it works. The bonus system has fulfilled its purpose, and has had the effect of attracting a large immigration to Ontario. It had the effect not only of a prominent inducement, but of affording substantial relief to the immigrants who came to the Province. In the unequal contest which Canada and Ontario are carrying on in stimulating immigration from the British Isles and Europe, our only advantage is the shortness of the sea voyage and comparative accessibility of the Dominion as compared with other countries seeking immigrants. No difficulties should arise between the Dominion and the Provinces in working under the agreement of 1874, and there is one common end to be served. Practically a large share of the immigration would always go to Ontario, and it is useless therefore to duplicate the efforts made by the Dominion Government. In regard to those expenditures which Ontario, in its Provincial capacity, should in principle sustain, a provision is only asked for in the estimates. The sum of \$25,000 is taken to be used on the other side in assisting the transportation of selected emigrants of the class required by our labour wants. The Immigration Department has also been a distinct department of the Ontario Government, and had a large amount of work to discharge on account of the numerous arrivals and the different claims made for bonus payments. The work of the Department has, however, diminished under the new arrangement, so that the commissioner in charge will be able, with the assistance of one clerk, to discharge all the duties now required. The expenditure on the other side of the Atlantic has been reduced to the stipulated sum under the agreement of 1874. Ontario agents at outlying stations will cease to exist at the end of this year, and this Province will only have a sub-agent in the Dominion office in London. Our expenditure will, therefore, be restricted to those items which it is incumbent upon the Province to assume, having regard to its interests and requirements. I need not trouble hon. members further on this head, but pass on to other appropriations. The details appear in the estimates and will explain themselves. I may mention, however,