

been previously found for them by the Swedish Agent in Montreal

Five immigrants of former years returned to England—one to be married, two returned to their parents, two in ill health. None of these were assisted with money from the Society.

The number of immigrants registered in the books for the present year will be found slightly larger than that of last year. This is encouraging considering the many causes which have tended to diminish female immigration from Great Britain to Canada.

Some of these causes are the greater demand for labor at home (especially for domestic servants), owing to better times and the continued cessation of assisted passages, and as long as so much assistance and encouragement are given by other colonies, this result must be expected. The Committee, however, have much satisfaction in reporting that the class of girls received during the past season has been unusually good. This is especially noticed with regard to those selected for emigration by the United British Women's Emigration Association. Not a single complaint of bad behaviour or of ill health has been recorded, and the good characters and references brought out by each immigrant have been proved to be well deserved by her conduct and capabilities. A large proportion of these numbers was passed on to Winnipeg and the North-West, their destination being arranged for before they left England. They remained for one night for rest and refreshment at the Home before continuing the long inland journey.

The advantages of a Home for women only, and controlled by women, cannot be overestimated, and are fully recognised by those societies in Great Britain who entrust their girls to the care of this Society.

In March, Mr. James Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior, visited the Home with Mr. McCreary, Commissioner on Immigration, from Winnipeg. They expressed satisfaction in what they saw of the work, and Mr. Smart kindly promised to use his influence in the interest of the Society in future. In