

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIVERPOOL (ENG.) AGENT.

(MR. JOHN DYKE.)

15 WATER STREET,

LIVERPOOL, 31st December, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to present you with my twelfth annual report from this agency.

The numbers and nationalities of the emigrants who have sailed from Liverpool during the last two years are as follows :—

	1886.	1887.	Increase.	Decrease.
English.....	93,343	129,260	29,917
Scotch.....	2,417	2,150	267
Irish.....	12,829	13,723	894
Foreigners.....	75,397	86,814	11,417
Not described.....	3,514	6,471	2,957
	<u>193,500</u>	<u>238,418</u>	<u>45,185</u>	<u>267</u>
Less Decrease.....			267	
Net Increase.....			<u>44,918</u>	

Of the 34,058 emigrants who sailed direct to Canada, 22,147 were carried by the Allan Line, 8,811 by the Dominion Line, and 3,100 by the Beaver Line, 4,128 were cabin and 29,930 steerage passengers as compared with 3,831 cabin and 19,450 steerage last year, a total increase of nearly fifty per cent. being thus shown on the year.

I have to report that this year has witnessed the departure of a greatly superior class of emigrants to those who went forward some years ago.

The instructions given by your Department that assisted passages were to be granted to none other than agricultural labourers and domestic servants have been rigidly enforced at this agency, character and competency having been strictly enquired into. This resulted in a large number being refused the assistance, but it should be borne in mind that if an emigrant pays his full fare to Canada, your agents have no power at present to prevent his going, and whilst Canadians generally never give your Department or your agents credit for the vast numbers of really first-class people, who arrive in Canada, they are only too prone to attach blame for the small percentage which do not turn out well. If these cases were investigated it would be found that very few, if any, had been forwarded by the agents of your Department.

Acting under the instructions of the High Commissioner I have continued the efforts I have been making for several years past, to promote emigration to the Dominion from the continent, and there is an increase, of 42 per cent. shown over 1886, to Manitoba and the North-West. The utmost economy has been observed, and the descriptive pamphlets of the Dominion I have prepared in various languages have been in active demand, the application for them by steamship agents and others having been four times the number of pamphlets I had at my disposal. It would be injudicious to enter into any lengthened detail here as to the operations conducted under the instructions of Sir Charles Tupper and yourself, in view of the extreme opposition which is shown to the promotion of emigration by the Governments of several continental countries; but some idea of the enormous quantity of work which these operations have entailed, may be gathered from the fact that I am in corres-