

Report for 1874. It mainly arises from the change in the agencies under which this service is now being performed—for the cost of the agency in Europe will be \$7,800 instead of \$13,000 in 1875, and a much larger sum in 1874; and the cost of the agencies in Canada will be \$2,400 instead of \$7,100. The difference, both in respect to the former increased cost of Immigration and the present diminution, is easily explained. Until 1871 the Dominion Government was defraying almost the whole expense of the service. None of the Provinces were directly instrumental in taking any part in promoting immigration, or paying anything for it. It was by means of the General Office in London, in charge of Mr. Dixon, that all immigration efforts were promoted. The only staff employed was Mr. Dixon, in London, and travelling agents and lecturers. The agency in Quebec and the agencies at important points in Ontario were under the control of the Dominion Government, so that under the former system the Province of Ontario was especially relieved from spending much money in promoting immigration. The Dominion Government thereupon represented that Ontario was practically getting the larger benefit from this expenditure, and that out of the immigrants brought to this country, Ontario was probably getting two-thirds; so it became necessary for Ontario to submit to what the Dominion Government required. That was, that the Province of Ontario should pay two-thirds of the cost of conveying immigrants from Quebec to points in Ontario, and also the expense of the distribution of immigrants to different points in Ontario. The expense of further transporting the immigrant, after his arrival in Ontario, as well as his necessary maintenance, was also laid upon us. This new arrangement was made in 1871. The operations of 1872 and 1873 were based upon it, and honourable members will find, from the accounts for those years, that the first time any amount was paid to the Dominion Government was in 1873, on account of 1872. Then, for the first time, in 1872, the bonus system was adopted, and you will find in the expenditure for 1872 and 1873 large sums paid for bonuses to immigrants. It was thought desirable that that system should be adopted, in order to meet the competition which was then springing up from other countries. The honourable member for South Simcoe is thoroughly acquainted with all matters connected with immigration; he has made it a study, and probably understands more about it than any honourable member—certain-