

It is, however, my duty to point out that the agitation which has taken place within the Provinces, and particularly in Manitoba, for political purposes, which has not scrupled among its means to make statements unfavourable to immigration, may have the effect of producing a check to the anticipated stream of immigration referred to in the preceding paragraph. The injurious effect of the kind of outcry that has been raised, has been represented to me by Ocean Steamship Companies as being adverse to their business.

I think it is proper for me to point out, that it is not alone in the services rendered to the cattle trade that the efforts of Sir Charles Tupper, as High Commissioner, have been of great value to the Dominion. As directing emigration from the United Kingdom and also the Continent, his work has been greatly valuable; and especially in reference to the arrangements made by him on the Continent and in Ireland.

The High Commissioner for Canada, Sir Charles Tupper, has been aided during the past year by the same Emigration Agents of the Department in the United Kingdom as in 1882, namely, Mr. John Dyke, Liverpool; Mr. Thomas Grahame, Glasgow; Mr. Charles Foy, Belfast; Mr. Thomas Connolly, Dublin, and Mr. J. W. Down, Bristol. On the European Continent, Dr. Otto Hahn, of Reutlingen, has continued to act as Agent in Germany.

The Annual Reports of the British Agents will be found in the Appendices to the Report of the High Commissioner; and much valuable information on emigration matters will be found in them, whilst the report of Mr. Dyke, in addition to emigration, contains very valuable information respecting the large and increasing trade in Canadian cattle.

I have again caused an enquiry to be made into the alleged emigration from Canada at the point of Port Huron, in view of the large figures which have been published by the United States Bureau of Statistics, at Washington. A report of the Secretary of this Department, published as an annex herewith, shows the erroneous-ness of the figures to which I have referred.

Mr. Stafford, the Agent at Quebec, states that the total arrivals of 1883, at that port, showed an increase of 1,116 over the previous year. The usual tables of occupations, destinations and other information in detailed form are embodied in his report. The work of the Quebec Agency was considerably increased by the arrival and disposal of a large number of Irish assisted immigrants, the total number being 6,359. Of these, 1,807 were sent out under the auspices of Mr. Tuke's Fund, whilst the rest came from various Irish Unions. A sum of money was remitted from Ireland to Mr. Stafford, to enable him to pay an equivalent of £1 sterling per adult to the Irish assisted immigrants on their landing. Mr. Stafford reports the immigrants as healthy and of the usual classes; that there was a fair demand for mechanics and navvies.