

9,991. Chinese, 4,350; Indians, 25,701; others, 19,408. Males, 29,503; females, 19,956. The relative numbers of adults cannot be now given, as the compilation of ages is not yet complete; but is unusually large.

RAILWAY FERRY AT QUEBEC.

Mr. LANDRY enquired, Whether the Government have, according to the promise made on the 14th March, 1881, invited tenders for a railway ferry between the terminus of the Intercolonial Railway in South Quebec, and a point nearest the Occidental Railway on the Quebec side, so that the carriages may be transported from one side of the river to the other?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I beg to say that correspondence is now going on between this Government and the Government of the Province of Quebec with a view to establishing a ferry for the transfer of railway carriages from one side of the river to the other, at Point Lévis, and that so soon as that correspondence is in a position to be laid before the House, Parliament will be asked to make an appropriation for that purpose.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Mr. LANTIER enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed, during next season, to the improvement of the River St. Lawrence from Prescott to the Lachine Canal, on the basis of the Welland and Lachine Canals; and in connection with that, whether the reports of explorations on the projected Cedars Canal have been examined by the Engineer-in-Chief, and a decision arrived at; and if not, for what reasons?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I beg leave to say, in reply to the hon. gentleman, that it is not the intention of the Government to ask Parliament to provide for the deepening of the St. Lawrence Canals during the present year; and that as there is no immediate urgency, and the Chief Engineer has been greatly pressed with other duties, he has not been able finally to report on the question as to the route the canal will take at that particular point.

THE MONTREAL POST OFFICE.

Mr. HOUE enquired, Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the recent complaints in a portion of the Montreal Press, regarding the manner in which the work was carried on in the Montreal Post Office by certain employees accused of negligence or incompetence? Whether it is the intention of the Government to enquire whether there is any foundation for these accusations?

Mr. O'CONNOR. The attention of the Government was called a short time ago to those irregularities and complaints, and to some other complaints besides, respecting the internal management of the Post Office at Montreal. A Commission was appointed to enquire into the grounds of those complaints, and also into the general management of the Post Office; and they are now at work, and have been since Monday last.

POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.

Mr. TROW enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government during this Session to abolish the postage on newspapers in the counties of publication?

Sir L. TILLEY. The Government have that subject under consideration.

SETTLERS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mr. BLAKE enquired, When the report of the Minister of the Interior will be brought down? When the available information as to the result of the Census will be brought

Mr. POPE (Compton).

down? What was the total number of persons settled in Manitoba and the North-West during 1881? How many from the other Provinces of Canada? How many from the United States? And how many from other countries?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The hon. Minister of the Interior desired me to say, in his absence, if this question was asked, that his report would be brought down very shortly.

Mr. POPE (Compton). I think the information respecting the Census will be available to-morrow. With respect to the number of persons settled in Manitoba and the North-West, I cannot say positively that every person included in the figures I am about to give, is actually settled there, but the total number of emigrants who have gone there and who are supposed to be settled there, is 28,611. The proportion from Ontario and the other Provinces is 21,514; those from the United States, 2,758; from other countries, mostly from England and Scotland, 4,339.

THE TRENT VALLEY CANAL.

Mr. CAMERON (Victoria) enquired, Whether the location survey of the Trent Valley Canal has been completed, and if not, what progress has been made with it, and when it will be completed, and whether any report has been made by the engineer in charge of the survey since the former report was made by Mr. Stark, C.E., confirming or differing from the last mentioned report as to the probable cost and practicability of the work, and whether it is the intention of the Government to recommend to Parliament the construction of the work?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I beg leave to say that an appropriation having been made for the purpose, an engineer was detailed to make a careful location and survey of the Trent Valley navigation with a view to arrive at the cost and the feasibility of the construction of that work. Owing to the very extended nature of the country to be gone over, and the arduous duty connected with it, the engineer has verbally reported to me that he has not been able to complete the survey during the present season. He is expected, however, to make a progress report, and on the receipt of that report the question will be considered whether that work shall be proceeded with in part or in whole.

Mr. POPE (Compton). With reference to the question asked a moment ago by the hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake), I would like to add, what I am sure will be satisfactory to him and the House, that the places of those who have gone from the old Provinces to Manitoba and the North-West, have been more than filled by immigration to this country.

Mr. BLAKE. I hope so, I am sure.

Mr. ANGLIN. Will the hon. Minister add how many have left the country for the United States.

Mr. POPE. I cannot exactly say how many have gone to that country, but I know there has been a large immigration into this country from the United States, and I presume about the same number have gone out. I think something like from 15,000 to 17,000 have entered goods as coming into this country, who are not included in that list at all, and I presume others have gone out.

GEORGIAN BAY BRANCH, CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. COCKBURN, in moving for copies of all correspondence since 22nd December, 1880, with Smith, Ripley & Co., and others, upon the subject of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Pacific Railway contract, said: I have made several similar motions to the present on former occasions, but I