

the hon. gentleman says, whether the difference was 14,000 or 6,000 he meant the House to come to the conclusion that the difference, whatever it was, approximately represented the difference to the United States and Manitoba by these routes.

Mr. POPE. I will tell the hon. gentleman the exact figures I gave. The total difference was 6,705.

Mr. BLAKE. That is the balance. How do you make it? Give us the figures by which you arrived at the balance.

Mr. POPE. The total number of passengers from all points of Europe, Eastern States and Canada to all western points, including Manitoba, 53,607. That is by the Grand Trunk. Total from west to east, 45,676, by Grand Trunk. Total passengers from Canada to all points west, including Manitoba, 30,026. Total passengers from the western States to Canada (and I want the hon. gentleman to remember that), 24,739; the difference being 5,887. There is no mistake in that. Total passengers from Canada to the Western States, 1,719, by the Grand Trunk. Total from the western States to Canada, 1,267, difference 452. From the United States consular certificates as given on the other side, 3,050; from the Canadian Customs authorities, 3,861. Ours exceed theirs a little under that head. Difference between eastern and western passengers in and to Canada, 5,887.

Mr. BLAKE. No.

Mr. POPE. Yes.

Mr. BLAKE. But the hon. gentleman gave us returns over the Grand Trunk a little below in his statement.

Mr. POPE. Migrants with outer entries at Sarnia, and outports, 3,861. Total 10,005 less migrants and emigrants to Manitoba, being a proportion of a total of 13,500 and 16,000, bringing the total emigration from Canada to the western States, through Port Huron, 6,705.

Mr. BLAKE. Certainly; but the hon. gentleman did not give that latter statement in his former speech.

Mr. POPE. I did not say there were 13,500; but I gave exactly the 35,000.

Mr. BLAKE. The hon. gentleman gave the 3,050 from the consular figures at Sarnia, and 3,861 from the collector's figures at Sarnia, but did not say there were 13,500 in all to Manitoba, and that there was a certain smaller proportion of those that went by the railway. The only difficulty was that the hon. gentleman did not go further down in his paper. His purpose was to lead to the conclusion that the difference between the eastward-bound traffic was less than it really was. His figures were not correct, if we took into account the amount of emigration that must have taken place from all outlets in Canada.

Mr. POPE. How do you know that?

Mr. BLAKE. We know it because we know that many people have left every part of this country. The other day the hon. gentleman told us, when he was enlarging in reference to the estimate of this year, that Manitoba had 25,000; and he said that more than two-thirds of that number had gone, and that would be at least 17,000.

Mr. POPE. How many?

Mr. BLAKE. 17,000.

Mr. POPE. I said two-thirds.

Mr. BLAKE. You said more than two-thirds, and that would be at least 16,000 or 17,000. There is, of course, those that go by the Collingwood route by boat, those by Sarnia, and those by Kincardine, and there would also be some going by the Canada Southern Railway. And looking at all this—

Mr. BLAKE.

Mr. POPE. How do those people go by the Canada Southern?

Mr. BLAKE. I do not know how they go, but those who emigrate from along the line of the Canada Southern would be pretty sure to go by that road to the border. I say, Sir, that if we consider these various means of outlet, if we consider the emigration that has taken place to the western States, and the emigration which the hon. gentleman alleges has taken place to Manitoba, numbering about 17,000, he must come to the conclusion that these figures which the hon. gentleman has given are incorrect in this sense at least, that they do not bear out his deductions. I do not mean to say they are not borne out by the facts, or that the railway companies have not given him the returns which he says they have.

Mr. POPE. Do you doubt the correctness of the returns?

Mr. BLAKE. I say that I have no doubt that these figures are the figures which these companies have presented to the hon. gentleman, but I say that he cannot deduce from them the conclusion which he proposes to draw.

Mr. POPE. You cannot draw the conclusion you proposed to draw.

Mr. BLAKE. I have drawn no conclusion. I have simply assumed as correct the figures which the hon. gentleman in past years assumed as correct, the figures which both sides have always assumed to be correct. If I were to draw a general conclusion it would be the immigration for the past year was larger than for previous years. From ordinary sources of information, from enquiries I have made through the country, from enquiries which I have made from hon. gentlemen as to the state of things in their constituencies, I say that that is the conclusion which I should draw. Hon. gentlemen opposite have all professed to speak in a cheery tone. They say there has been no such large emigration. It is out of the question to talk in that way. We know what has taken place in the Province of Quebec. We know that in the pastoral letter or the amendment—or whatever may be the proper term of the deliverance—the Archbishop of Quebec deplored in the strongest terms the emigration which is going on from that Province, and he called on the faithful, or those who are under his control, to desist from emigrating to a foreign country. We know from that letter to his flock that he felt that this exodus was an unusual character—that it was greater than usual—and—

Mr. POPE. It was the usual exodus.

Mr. BLAKE. Why then this unusual step to check it? Why such a strong remonstrance on the part of the head of the church in that quarter?

Mr. POPE. It is done every year.

Mr. GEOFFRION. Not at all.

Mr. BLAKE. Not at all. I do not think it is done every year. I do not remember myself to have read of it, but I do not profess to be well informed on the subject, but I can appeal to the hon. gentlemen from Quebec—

Mr. HOUDE. It has been done for more than twenty years.

Mr. BLAKE. Every year?

Mr. HOUDE. The Bishops of the Province of Quebec have been telling their people almost every year not to go to the United States.

Mr. BLAKE. That is not what I said. I said there had not been, to the best of my information, such a mark, such a significant mark, of the extraordinary character of the emigration going on from that Province as that to be found in a public document of the Archbishop of Quebec issued a