

The following table shows a statistical statement of the business of the Department from the year 1864 to 1880, inclusive :

| Years. | Letters Received. | Letters Sent. | No. of cases of Patents, Copyrights, Trade Marks, &c. | Total number of Immigrants. |
|--------|-------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1864   | 5,422             | 5,152         | 181   | 40,649                      |
| 1865   | 6,694             | 7,638         | 200   | 47,103                      |
| 1866   | 7,435             | 8,250         | 337   | 51,794                      |
| 1867   | 7,571             | 10,679        | 840   | 57,873                      |
| 1868   | 8,696             | 10,299        | 643   | 71,448                      |
| 1869   | 9,516             | 13,654        | 965   | 74,365                      |
| 1870   | 11,442            | 20,078        | 1,110   | 69,019                      |
| 1871   | 18,415            | 21,709        | 2,035   | 65,722                      |
| 1872   | 20,271            | 30,261        | 2,215   | 89,186                      |
| 1873   | 22,216            | 31,786        | 3,204   | 99,109                      |
| 1874   | 17,970            | 22,673        | 3,072   | 80,022                      |
| 1875   | 15,623            | 17,927        | 4,923   | 43,458                      |
| 1876   | 16,562            | 18,512        | 4,389   | 36,549                      |
| 1877   | 21,796            | 30,079        | 4,271   | 35,285                      |
| 1878   | 19,815            | 28,429        | 4,159   | 40,032                      |
| 1879   | 27,259            | 22,419        | 4,190   | 61,052                      |
| 1880   | 24,210            | 30,988        | 4,474   | 85,850                      |

II.—ARTS AND AGRICULTURE.

CATTLE TRADE.

The cattle trade with Great Britain has, during the past year, assumed larger proportions than in any previous year, and is daily gaining favour in the British markets. This is, no doubt, in a great measure owing to the healthiness of Canadian stock, and to the very full and complete regulations and watchfulness exercised at the Cattle Quarantines, which protect it from many diseases that other countries suffer from. The total number of cattle exported from Canada during the past year was 50,905, being an increase of 25,896 over last year, as will be seen from the following table:—

|             |        |        |
|-------------|--------|--------|
|             | 1879.  | 1880.  |
| Cattle..... | 25,009 | 50,905 |
| Sheep.....  | 80,332 | 81,843 |
| Swine.....  | 5,385  | 700    |

I have already referred in my previous reports to the superior advantages of the St. Lawrence route for the shipment of live stock. That superiority has continued to manifest itself in the comparative smallness of the losses sustained by cattle shippers.