

The number of arrivals in the above table, for the purpose of comparison, may be thus shown :—

Customs Arrivals, 1873.....	8,971
do 1874.....	14,110
do 1875.....	8,139
do 1876.....	11,134
do 1877.....	11,759
do 1878.....	11,435
do 1879.....	9,775
do 1880.....	10,961
do 1881.....	15,404
do 1882.....	30,554
do 1883.....	34,987

This shows the number of Canadians reported in the Customs Returns as annually increasing.

Notwithstanding the large numbers of these settlers who have come into the Dominion, and who have been registered name by name, in connection with entries of settlers' effects, I deem it proper to point out to Your Excellency that many more came without making such entries, whose numbers cannot be ascertained, and of whom no record can be kept. The numbers of these would probably be quite as great, if not greater, than those who brought with them their household effects, and on which they made Customs entries. This very large influx of settlers from the United States, a large part of whom were returned Canadians, is undoubtedly owing to the prosperous times which have prevailed, the great stimulus which has been given to manufacturing industries, and the opening up of new lands in the North-West.

I have already remarked that the Reports of the Distributing Agents showed that they had to deal with larger numbers of immigrants than recorded at the ports of entry, and it has been the custom, as above stated, to attribute this to the movements of immigrants from one station to another; but I think it is also largely owing to the influx of the class of unrecorded immigrants to which I have referred.

The value of the personal effects of the 34,987 immigrants entered at the Custom Houses as settlers' goods, amounted in 1882 to \$925,612.59, and to \$1,152,632 in 1883.