

IMMIGRATION RETURNS.

Altogether more than 41,000 immigrants came to the Canadian West during the first four months of the present year. This is more than 3,000 greater than the whole immigration of 1901, when 38,063 arrivals were recorded. The hope that in the present fiscal year 75,000 settlers will locate in the West is already more than realized, for 75,595 have arrived in the ten months that have already elapsed of the Dominion year. The months of May and June are always amongst the heaviest for number of arrivals. More than 18,000 immigrants landed in the West in those months last year, and, with the general increase in immigration, there is reason to believe that the newcomers this year will number 25,000. This will bring the total for the year up to the 100,000 mark.

An analysis of the April immigration reveals some interesting facts. Of the total, 8,578 were either English, Scotch, Welsh or Irish, and 7,058 were Americans. Thus 15,638 out of 23,320—just about two-thirds—are Anglo-Saxon stock. Next in point of numerical importance are the Germans, of whom 2,411 arrived. The Italians (Galicans) were next in number with 2,110 settlers, and the Scandinavians—Icelandic, Swedish, Norwegian and Danish—close up with 2,054.

As is usual, there was a great disproportion between the sexes in April's immigration. There were 15,121 men to 3,570 women. The children under 12 numbered 4,622—2,495 boys and 2,127 girls.

Their Occupations.

The occupations of the newcomers showed a vast majority who professed to have had agricultural experience or were bent on going on farms, of

the 23,320, no less than 12,255 were going on farms. There were 1902 who gave their occupation as mechanics, while 425 were clerks or traders, 1,227 were general laborers, and 192 were miners. There were only 12 recorded as domestic servants, and 8,257 were "not classified."

The destinations were: For Ontario, 517; for Manitoba, 19,103; for the Territories, 1,514; for British Columbia, 805 and for the Yukon, 3.

The immigrants for last week arriving via the C. P. R. numbered 5,534. This does not include arrivals from other points of Canada but merely cross-country passengers. Of these 1,420 were British, 821 Gaelic, 345 Russian, 230 Hungarian, 160 Swedish and the balance were composed of French-Italians, Germans and Poles. The week was a pretty busy one for the officials and proportionately more so on account of the increasing difficulty of locating men on farms and at other work. The seedling season is getting pretty well over and farmers are not over anxious to hire more men at present. Several hundred foreigners went out to railroad work on the various construction gangs and quite a number of Britishers also accepted this class of work.

A special train heavily loaded with foreigners arrived from the east Saturday evening and was headed over at the immigration hall at Selkirk. It carried passengers from the Adriatic, made up of 300 Hungarian, 125 Galicians, of Russians and 25 Germans. Another arrived at Winnipeg at 2 p.m. on Sunday with some 300 Britishers. The latter were an exceptionally fine looking lot of men, many of them are experienced farmers, but the majority are skilled artisans. Nearly all intend to go on farm work. The regular also carried 30 Britishers.

Comparative Statements.

In order to give an idea of the marvellous growth of the volume of immigration into the Northwest and to furnish a means of comparison the following tabulated statement will be of interest. It gives the official returns from each of the five points of arrival, namely, Winni-

peg, Regina, Emerson, Portal, Coultis and Sprague:

	1901.	1902.
January	206	82
February	725	81
March	430	21
April	6,905	309
May	1,604	416
June	5,079	558
July	2,909	279
August	2,871	64
September	2,204	498
October	2,289	428
November	2,225	292
December	1,530	197
Total	26,909	1,308

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February	1,329	152
March	1,209	299
April	1,209	299
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July	1,209	299
August	1,209	299
September	1,209	299
October	1,209	299
November	1,209	299
December	1,209	299
Total	12,090	2,990

For further comparison, the monthly totals of the past three years are subjoined:

	1901.	1902.	1903.
January	206	82	1,106
February	725	81	1,865
March	430	21	2,140
April	6,905	309	2,485
May	1,604	416	2,548
June	5,079	558	2,800
July	2,909	279	2,800
August	2,871	64	2,800
September	2,204	498	2,800
October	2,289	428	2,800
November	2,225	292	2,800
December	1,530	197	2,800
Total	26,909	1,308	25,629

A PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.

It is a matter for congratulation among stockholders in E. W. Gillet Company, Limited, that they have already received three dividends on their stock. The last dividend was paid on the 15th ult., and the total amount in less than a year paid to stockholders is \$18,000. The plan of interesting the trade in an industrial company of this kind has proved to be a very fine one.

C. P. R. YARDS.

J. W. Leonard, assistant general manager of the C. P. R., who has been over the western division with Assistant Superintendent Brady, of the central

division, speaking to a reporter concerning the yards, said that a number of improvements were to be made during the coming year. The work has previously been outlined in the papers and these will be started all over the division. Construction of new sidings are to be built between Winnipeg and Regina. Construction gangs are now at work on the steel and the grading of these sidings will be completed by the time the end of 1903 will be ready to move and it will greatly facilitate the movement and prevent holding of trains for any great length of time.

Sidings will also be put in between Kirkella and Elkhorn. The new siding will thus have relief from any danger of blocking the line at the junction of the main line and the branch line to be built between Brandon and Kerby, that new elevators and loading platforms will be erected there.

Stocking of yard improvements, Mr. Leonard said:

All of our yards in the central division are to be enlarged. Work in the Winnipeg yard is to be started at once. Of course, we cannot do the work here that we first intended owing to the fact that the agreement with the city has been cancelled. The yards will be greatly enlarged, however, toward the west end. We cannot do any changing while the city streets are in the way, though that work was among our greatest improvements. All our yards over the west are to be enlarged and improved.

Speaking of crop conditions in the Territories, Mr. Leonard said he was greatly surprised at the increase in the acreage. The total increase will be about 10 per cent in the Territories. "I said Mr. Leonard. That is about 10 per cent of wheat and the balance in other grains. Seeding conditions were never better."

A wire from Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 8 said: "The Westinghouse officials have taken steps to form a Canadian Westinghouse Company for the purpose of manufacturing in Canada the apparatus needed to supply that trade. In order that its plant at Hamilton be included, the Westinghouse Air Brake Company will be included. The capital of the company will be \$2,500,000, of which the Air Brake Company will give \$500,000 and the Electric Company \$2,000,000. The remainder of the capital stock being taken at par by Canadians."

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