

Immigration to Canada.

The following statements are compiled from the report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, who is also the Minister of Immigration:—

The numbers of immigrants who passed through the Dominion and proceeded to the United States, during the last seven years, as reported by the Dominion Government Agents, were as follow:—

1866.....	41,704
1867.....	47,212
1868.....	58,683
1869.....	5,202
1870.....	44,318
1871.....	37,949
1872.....	52,604
1873.....	49,059

The numbers of those reported by the Dominion Agents at the several ports to have settled in Canada during the same period of seven years, were as follows:—

1866.....	10,091
1867.....	14,646
1868.....	12,765
1869.....	18,630
1870.....	24,708
1871.....	27,778
1872.....	36,578
1873.....	50,050

As regards the first of these statements, it may be remarked that the numbers of immigrants passing through Canada for the United States were simply passengers whose destination, before leaving home, was the United States. There is, as appears from the figures a tendency to decline in the numbers of these passengers; while on the other hand there is very large and steady increase in the numbers of the settlers in the Dominion. The numbers of these in 1873 being about five times those in 1868.

The nationalities of the immigrants who came to Canada can only be taken in the case of those who arrive by sea at the port of Quebec. The nationalities cannot be taken at the Inland Ports. The following statement shows a comparison for three years:—

	1871	1872.	1873.
English.....	17,915	14,867	18,004
Irish.....	2,980	3,410	4,336
Scotch.....	3,428	4,165	4,865
German.....	9,300	764	739
Scandinavian.....	2,999	1,148	6,447
French & Belgians.....		1,866	2,634
Other Origins.....	400	23	76
Totals.....	37,020	31,748	36,901

The trades and callings of the adult males who landed at Quebec may be classified as follows for three years:—

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Farmers.....	4,144	2,969	2,336	1,470
Laborers.....	12,248	11,465	6,189	6,202
Mechanic.....	1,717	1,974	3,809	7,682
Clerks and Traders.....	146	89	79	62
Professional men.....	10	4	14	7

18,265 16,241 15,427 15,408

The bulk of all the immigrants by the St. Lawrence route in 1873 came by steamships, as appears by the following statement:—

By steamships.....	34,800
" sailing vessels.....	2,041

The same fact has been apparent for a number of years past. Emigrants from the United Kingdom and the European continent show a most decided preference for steamships over sailing vessels. Steamships bring them in much shorter time, and in much healthier condition. The ordinary fare by steamships, with the exception of the assistance afforded to immigrants in certain cases by Passenger Warrants, is much higher than that by sailing vessels. But in the case of a mechanic or laboring man earning wages, the saving of his time is of much more value than the difference of the fare, to say nothing of the superior comfort and better meals provided by the steamships, together with greater immunity from sickness.

The following table, brought down from a previous Year Book, for which it was compiled from the reports of the Department of Agriculture and those of the late Chief Emigrant Agent at Quebec, shows the movement of Immigration to and through the Dominion from 1851 to 1873 inclusive:—

Years.	Arrivals by the St. Lawrence.	Via the United States.	Settled in Canada.	Went to the United States.
1851.....	41,076	8,670	22,515	22,221
1852.....	39,176	3,500	20,948	12,738
1853.....	36,680	5,000	32,295	11,401
1854.....	54,181	7,000	33,800	21,383
1855.....	21,274	10,000	23,000	8,274
1856.....	22,439	10,729	24,316	8,329
1857.....	2,009	41,984	34,683	40,428
1858.....	12,810	26,890	12,840	27,380
1859.....	8,778	13,179	6,300	15,657
1860.....	10,150	4,829	7,827	7,152
1861.....	19,923	23,723	12,486	19,349
1862.....	22,176	40,450	28,798	34,828
1863.....	19,419	23,948	26,115	17,249
1864.....	19,147	27,048	21,738	24,487
1865.....	21,355	28,853	19,413	30,795
1866.....	28,648	23,117	10,091	41,704
1867.....	30,757	31,121	14,666	47,212
1868.....	44,300	37,148	12,765	58,683
1869.....	43,114	32,718	18,630	57,202
1870.....	41,475	24,544	24,708	44,318
1871.....	37,020	27,365	27,778	37,949
1872.....	34,743	51,443	36,578	52,608
1873.....	36,901	64,207	50,050	49,059
Totals.....	669,670	543,468	533,311	690,693

A feature on the returns of 1873 to which the Minister of Agriculture draws attention in his report is that they contain a number of 8,971 persons who immigrated to Canada from the United States. These figures are obtained from entries at the Customs Houses, and may be accepted as another proof of the depression which has prevailed in the United States since the fall of 1872.

The effect of this depression has been to check emigration as a whole from the continent of Europe to America during 1874.

The following statement of sailings from the Port of Liverpool of emigrants for all parts during the emigrating months of 1873 and 1874, taken from figures published by the Imperial Authorities, may be accepted as a barometer of the emigration movement, as the sailings from all other ports in