

in his choice of a field for emigration by the amount it may cost him to get there. Bearing these two facts in mind, the High Commissioner thought, and the Government agreed, that it would tend greatly to promote the interests of Canada, the colony to which the cost of transport is the smallest, if the inducements to the steamship agent to sell a ticket were made as great as if he sold a ticket, for example, to one of the most distant of the Australian colonies. Therefore, for every ticket sold to an ocean adult passenger from any point in Great Britain and Ireland to Winnipeg, or any point in Canada west of Winnipeg, the steamship agent receives from the Government a bonus of \$1.75, which would render his commission upon the sale of an immigrant ticket to Canada, as large as if he sold a ticket for more money to one of the Australian colonies.

The amounts paid, year by year, since this arrangement went into effect, have been as follows :—

1892-93.....	\$ 1,395 42
1893-94.....	3,521 60
1894-95.....	2,156 86
1895-96, (7 months to 29th February, 1896).....	916 94
	\$ 7,990 82

The bonus is not paid until the party to whom the ticket has been sold makes use of it and his arrival in Winnipeg has been certified by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, who is our chief immigration officer in the west.

EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

On the European continent we are, as the members of the Committee are probably aware, debarred from carrying on any active work in any of the German States. The same statement will apply to Russia and Austro-Hungary. We are, as a matter of fact, receiving immigrants from all these countries, most of whom are of a very desirable class, but they either come upon their own responsibility or through the indirect influence of the steamship agents, who receive a bonus of \$5 for every ocean adult passenger who reaches Winnipeg. This arrangement has been in force for several years past. Under it, the undermentioned sums have been paid since the transfer of immigration to the Department of Interior :—

1892-93.....	\$ 7,235 36
1893-94.....	10,931 40
1894-95.....	5,485 26
1895-96 (7 months to 29th February, 1896).....	3,460 21
	\$27,112 23

In France and Belgium, Mr. August Bodard, to whom reference has already been made, has been representing the Department for the last three and one-half years. It is perhaps rather early to come to any decided conclusion as to the results of his work, but so far they appear to be satisfactory. Quite a number of French and Flemish colonies have been formed in Manitoba and the Territories, and they consist, to a very large extent, of intelligent farmers who, when they become accustomed to the soil and climate of the country, and understand the methods of agriculture applicable to their new conditions, are likely to do very well for themselves.

An allowance of \$1,000 a year is made to the Canadian Commissioner in Paris, for the promotion of immigration work. This includes a subvention to the newspaper, *Paris-Canada*, which devotes a great deal of space to our interests.