

Department of the Interior.

These belong to the very best class of settlers, and the observations which I made in this relation in my report of last year will apply generally to those who have come into Canada during the past season from the Western States. About one-fourth of them would appear to be Canadians who have tried the experiment of life in the United States and satisfied themselves that they can do better in their own land. The remainder are largely people of European birth, who have resided for periods of from five to twenty years in the United States, but who have, for reasons which are satisfactory to them and which ought to be equally satisfactory to us, concluded to cast in their lot with the people of Canada. The number of arrivals from the United States would have been larger but for the fact that many were unable to dispose of their property. Some of those who have come have preferred, rather than wait until they could sell out to advantage, to bring such of their effects as were movable, leaving their farms and other unmovable property to be disposed of at some future time.

We still continue to find the greater proportion of our homestead settlers on this side of the Atlantic; in fact the number coming from the United States is very nearly as great as the total from Great Britain and continental Europe combined.

FOLLOWING is a statement, compiled from the Reports of the Dominion Land Agents, showing the number of homestead entries and the national origin of the homesteaders for the year 1893 as compared with the year 1894:—

Nationality.	1893. Entries.	1894. Entries.
Canadians from Ontario.....	844	519
do do Quebec.....	121	66
do do Nova Scotia.....	42	19
do do New Brunswick.....	9	9
do do Prince Edward Island.....	7	11
do do British Columbia.....	29	24
do do Manitoba.....	246	100
do do North-west Territories.....	86	68
	1,384	816
do who had previous entry.....	466	471
do returned from the States.....	238	216
	580	634
United States.....		1
Newfoundland.....		1
New Zealand.....		1
Australians.....	1	1
English.....	380	363
Irish.....	50	23
Scotch.....	94	74
French.....	151	114
Belgians.....	67	31
Hollanders.....	5	2
Italians.....		1
Germans.....	59	87
Austro-Hungarians.....	78	86
Swedo-Norwegians.....	54	61
Danes—other than Icelanders.....	14	10
Icelanders.....	51	31
Russians—other than Mennonites and Poles.....	192	147
Mennonites.....	16	3
Poles.....	9	1
Chinamen.....	1	
	3,890	3,174
Numbers.....	11,867	9,716