

IMMIGRATION.

Last 5 Years Under Conservatives.

1892.....	27,898
1893.....	29,632
1894.....	20,829
1895.....	18,790
1896.....	16,835
Total.....	113,984

Last 5 Years Under Liberals.

1899.....	44,543
1900.....	42,493
1901.....	56,076
1902.....	84,035
1903.....	128,980
Total.....	356,127

NOTE.—The comparison of immigration figures is made for periods of five years because no fair comparison can be made in regard to figures of years previous to 1892. Previous to the Census of 1891, the Conservative immigration figures were grossly padded and unreliable. This was brought out in evidence before the Committee of Agriculture and Colonization of the House of Commons at the last session. The Census of 1891 also showed up these figures so badly that the Conservative Government itself adopted a new method of tabulation, beginning with 1892.

The figures in the above tables are for calendar years. The figures issued since 1900 are for fiscal years, and this fact will explain any apparent discrepancy between the above figures and those ordinarily published in blue books. All the immigration figures published by the Conservatives were for calendar years, and it is now impossible to get at them for fiscal years. Therefore, to make the above comparison fair it was necessary all should be calendar years. Accordingly, the monthly returns since 1900 were added together to get at the figures for the calendar years.

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