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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TORONTO IMMIGRATION AGENT.

(JOHN A. DONALDSON.)

IMMIGRATION OFFICE

TORONTO, 8th January, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my fourteenth annual Report for this agency for the year just closed, and have much pleasure in stating that the increased numbers that have reached our shores, which are shown in accompanying statements, have all found homes and ready employment immediately on their arrival.

Not a single complaint has come to my knowledge of the treatment on board ship while crossing the Atlantic, but, on the contrary, the provisions were pronounced to be both plentiful and good, and the uniform attention and kindness shown by the officers of the Grand Trunk Railway Company and other lines has been acknowledged in the most satisfactory manner by all.

While the statements annexed show over four thousand five hundred more arrivals at this Agency over the former year, still they were not a tithe of the numbers required in the country.

Wages ruled high all through the season, and while it is to be deplored that thousands of people are at present out of employment in the United States, not a single case of hardship has occurred in our midst. The extremely mild weather we have enjoyed so far this winter has kept down the price of fuel, and enabled contractors to go on with work in the erection of buildings in the cities and towns, hence constant employment has been readily had by all those inclined to work.

Large sums of money have been sent home by parties who arrived early in the spring to bring out families and other friends, consequent on the high rate of wages they were able to earn immediately after their arrival.

This with the refund bonus paid parties after three months' residence in the country has enabled parties having friends in Europe to bring them to Canada. One and all have expressed their gratitude for the liberal allowance made by the Government, and it will undoubtedly have the effect of bringing much larger numbers to our shores from year to year when it becomes generally known.

The full number of arrivals at this Agency during the year were 19,944 *via* the St. Lawrence, and 1,345 *via* the United States, together with 600 through the Custom House, Toronto, in all 22,089. 14,129 remaining in Canada, some 4,564 more than we had the former year, while 7,960 went through to the Western States.

Amongst this large number only 26 cases of sickness occurred, out of which there were two deaths; all the others were of a healthy class, and have made valuable settlers.

The strictest economy has been studiously observed, as will be seen by the accompanying statement of expenses.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN A. DONALDSON,
Gov't. Immigration Agent.

To the Honorable
The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.