

London 6 days and 4 hours. But by the "Kaiser" it has been reduced to 5 days and 20 hours.

The White Star Liner "Oceanic," soon to be launched, will be the largest ocean mail boat by several thousand tons. The prophecies in regard to her, lead the public to believe that she will make the passage across the Atlantic in still less time, possibly under 5 days. By these statistics, it will be seen that since 1838 there has been a reduction of time in crossing the Atlantic at the rate of over one day for each decade. This advantage has been enjoyed by the United States. But since the Allan contract for conveyance of Canadian mails in 1856, there has been but little improvement in speed on the St. Lawrence route.

The following show the quickest passages made by the Allan lines between Liverpool and Quebec. The 1897 figures are made from the Post Office Department records, Ottawa:—

In 1857—Allans	—"Anglo Saxon"	9 days, 13 hours.
In 1867—Allans	—"Austrian"	8 days, 17 hours.
In 1877—Allans	—"Sarmatian"	7 days, 20 hours.
In 1887—Allans	—"Parisian"	7 days, 18 hours.
In 1897—Dominion	—"Labrador"	8 days, 3 hours.

The average time occupied from Liverpool to Rimouski with the English mails was 220 hours, 35 minutes. Add 12 hours for the run from Rimouski to Quebec and it will make the average time between Liverpool and Quebec, in 1897, 9 days, 16 hours and 35 minutes.

What has been the result to immigration? In 1850 Canada received 32,292 immigrants; but the United States received 310,000. In 1880 Canada received 27,544, and the United States received 622,252. In 1891 Canada received 24,409, the United States received 665,000. To turn this tide of immigration the convenience and speed for ocean travel and transportation must be improved. Canada does not now even carry her own mails and passengers. They largely go by New York. There is one way and only one way to put an end to this state of things, and to attract immigrants in large numbers to fill up the new lands and develop the resources of the Dominion.

This will be made to appear in another article.