

REPORT OF BRISTOL AGENT.

(MR. J. W. DOWN.)

BATH BRIDGE, BRISTOL, 31st December, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honour to present you with my annual report for the year 1889.

It affords me great pleasure to record that my efforts this year have been rewarded with much success. I find, on consulting statistics, that the total emigration from the United Kingdom to Canada has been less this season than last. However, for this district the returns show their former volume, which must be deemed very satisfactory when is taken into account the numerous causes operating detrimentally to a large emigration this year to Canada. I allude to the persistent endeavours of rival colonies, South America, &c., &c., to attract the better class of colonists. Still it is gratifying to learn that in spite of the decrease in numbers the amount of capital taken into the Dominion has swollen considerably, and in round numbers may be assessed at \$280,000.

The following is a statement showing particulars of passenger traffic from Bristol by the Dominion Line during year 1889 :

	Cabin.	Steerage.
To Portland.....	8 souls.	29 souls.
Quebec and Montreal.....	163 “	395 “

NEW YORK ROUTE TO CANADA.

It is very much to be regretted that a tendency is growing among Canadians to patronize New York liners, out and home, in preference to Montreal or Halifax steamers. This year I find there has been a considerable increase in the number of Canadians returning to Canada *via* New York. In such cases a very significant loss is inflicted upon the Canadian ports and railways. Unfortunately the mischief does not end here, as indirectly much is done to the Dominion in another way. Returning Canadians travelling *via* New York, naturally enough advise their friends in England to follow them by the same route. In passing over the United States' lines they are certain to encounter interested agents of United States Land Companies, who, by means of glowing descriptions of the lands they have for sale and false accounts of Canada, succeed only too frequently in turning valuable but unwary emigrants from the Dominion to one or other of the Western States. It has been my sad experience to have known many cases of good families destined for Canada, but who have never reached her lands, having been enticed away whilst on their inland journey through the United States. Since the Inman steamers “City of Paris” and “City of New York” commenced running last spring, I find passages have been taken in this office to Canada for thirty adults by these two steamers alone, whilst only three were booked during the previous year by the same line. Many people from the North-West and Ontario have called here and those who had not taken return tickets I was able, in most instances, to persuade to return *via* Quebec and to advise their friends to do likewise. The importance of keeping emigrants out of the United States ports cannot be overestimated and must be my excuse for going at some length into the matter.

TENANT FARMERS.

I have taken every opportunity to keep up my connection among tenant farmers, as I am convinced no better colonists can be secured for Canada than the sturdy men of this class with capital and agricultural skill. Fully one hundred farmers