

EMIGRATION. the physician's salary, (120*l.*.) was 142*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, making the total expenditure at
Report. the Montreal agency, 4,126*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*
This expenditure shows an excess over that of 1845, amounting to 1,429*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.*
The increase in the number of free passages granted, is 2,999; so that the excess
is altogether accounted for under the head of transport.

Canada West. From the returns furnished by the chief agent for Canada West, I find that
the total number of free passages granted by the several agents in that section of
the province, was 13,553, viz., at Kingston, 5,740; Coburg and Port Hope, 346;
Toronto, 4,707; Hamilton, 1,522; at Bytown, 756; and at Port Stanley, 468.

Expenditure. The expenditure at the agencies in Western Canada, has been as follows:
for transport, 2,935*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*; provisions, 551*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*; medical relief, &c.,
359*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*; total 3,846*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.*; to which is to be added the amount of the
agents' salaries and contingencies, 1,076*l.* 6*s.*, making the total expenditure for
the western section of the province, 4,922*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* currency.

This amount, when compared with that of 1845, shows an increase of
289*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, which is not disproportionate to the increased emigration.

The total number of applications for relief which have been examined into by
the officers of the Department, and admitted, has been, in Canada East, 15,073;
and in Canada West, 13,553; total 28,626, being an increase on the number in
1845, of 2,205.

Mortality. The mortality among the emigrants at the agencies throughout the province,
shows a large increase when compared with former years. According to the
Reports of the medical officers, it appears that 66 deaths have occurred, out of
1,291 cases that have required medical treatment.

Emigrant Tax. The emigrant tax has produced the sum of 6,729*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* currency; of which
71*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* was collected at Montreal, and 6,657*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* at this port. The
Imperial appropriation for the service of the Emigrant Department for 1846, was
2,500*l.* sterling, equal to 3,041*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* currency. These two amounts, together
with a balance remaining unexpended of the former year's fund, 1,004*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*,
forming a total of 10,775*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* currency, have constituted the Emigrant
Fund, from which all the disbursements of the season have proceeded.

Fund. The expenditure incurred in the course of the year, already detailed, is shown to
amount in the whole to 10,549*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* So that, on the close of the accounts,
there will remain a balance on hand, applicable to the purposes of 1847, amounting
to 226*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*

I beg to submit a statement of the emigration, and the public appropriation for
emigration purposes in the province, from the year 1841, the date at which the
law imposing the emigrant tax came into force:—

	Years.	Emigration.	Imperial Appropriation.
		£.	
	1842 . . .	44,374	5,000 sterling
	1843 . . .	21,727	2,244 "
	1844 . . .	20,142	1,000 "
	1845 . . .	25,375	1,000 "
	1846 . . .	32,753	1,000 "
		144,371 souls.	10,244

From this statement it will appear that the expenditure of the Department, ex-
clusive of the agency expenses, has been, on the average, at the rate of 71*l.* sterling,
per 1,000 souls, over and above the amount realized from the emigrant tax.

In 1843, the appropriation made was equal to 105*l.* per 1,000 souls; and in
1842 it was at the rate of 113*l.* per 1,000. For the three past years it has been
reduced considerably, so that the balance, which had annually remained over, up
to 1844, has been wholly absorbed in equalizing the resources of the Department
up to this time. The appropriation made for the purposes of the two last years,
I would show, has been rendered sufficient only from the existence of a consider-
able previous balance available for the same object.

I have always found it difficult to form an estimate of the probable demand upon
the Department for the coming year, and I remain altogether without the means
of judging of the amount of the emigration of 1847, or its character, so as to be
authorized in a confident statement on the point of its necessities. But the result
arising from the operations of the Department for five years past, may be taken as