

## No. 6.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF KINGSTON IMMIGRATION AGENT.

(Mr. R. MACPHERSON.)

GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION OFFICE,  
KINGSTON, 10th January, 1874.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit for your information the annexed statistics, shewing the working of this Agency for the year ending 31st December last, viz. :—

1st. Statement (A) shewing the number of immigrants who arrived at this Agency during the year 1873; their nationality; and the number assisted with free passes to their respective destinations.

2nd. Statement (B) shewing the monthly arrivals within this Agency during the past year; the number fed, and distribution for each month.

3rd. Statement (C) shewing the number and destination of immigrants forwarded from this office by free passes during the year 1873.

4th. Statement (D) shewing the total number and destination of immigrants placed within this Agency by free passes for the year ending 31st December last.

5th. Statement (E) shewing the expenditure in connexion with this Agency for the year 1873, as paid by the Dominion and Ontario Governments respectively.

A very large number of Canadians have returned from the United States during the year just ended, finding better prospects here than in the States. A considerable number of American citizens have also come in as settlers, to make Canada their home; likewise many from Great Britain who have been residing in the United States, some of whom have written to me, stating this country is much preferable, and that they are doing far better here than they did or could do in the States.

The immigrants that arrived in this Agency during the past season were of a better class than those of any previous year during my connexion with this office, a large portion of them being of the agricultural class, for whom I had no difficulty in obtaining immediate employment at good wages, and am happy to state they are pleased with the change in their circumstances and doing well. Many who came to this Agency without their families have been enabled to save money to send home to their native countries to pay the passage of their families to Canada; and, in some cases, have gone home for the purpose of bringing their families to this Province next spring.

The number that arrived in this Agency were so easily absorbed that their presence was little more than barely felt, so great is the demand, more particularly for agricultural labourers and female domestic servants. I may state the last one of the latter class placed by me did not complete her first month at service before she was married to a farmer in *extremely good* circumstances, and I believe her place has not since been supplied. I mention this circumstance to show the scarcity of female domestics.

I have received letters from Europe from persons who returned there last autumn (for the purpose of visiting their relatives) stating it is their intention to come out again early next spring, and have induced a number of their friends to accompany them to Canada, which is a further proof that this is a most desirable country to which to emigrate.

There was but very little sickness amongst those who arrived within this Agency last season, and no epidemics.

I found that visiting my Agency last spring proved of great advantage in distributing the immigrants during the season, being thus enabled to gain a personal knowledge of the different mayors, reeves and employers of labour, and learning through such where the different classes of immigrants were most urgently needed. I may state the Northumber-