

by Mr. Kingsmill in his report between the lumber woods of Michigan and other points in the west and the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

It is a fact of precise and ascertained record in connection with entries of immigrants' effects at the custom houses along the frontier, during the year 1881, that 15,404 persons immigrated to Canada from the United States. Of these, 9,821 were returned Canadians and 1,963 United States citizens. Undoubtedly, there were very large numbers of others, of mechanics and working men, who passed no free entries with their "settlers' effects," and, therefore, there is no record of them. As between two parts of a continent in the position of Canada and the United States, with a very long frontier, there must always be a considerable flux and reflux of population, in accordance with the relative activity of trade or industries in one or other country, or the attractions of newly-opened lands; but this is a movement altogether different in its nature from that of a depopulating exodus of the kind stated in the grossly erroneous figures of the return of Mr. Nimmo.

There is a particular and very great injustice done to what may be called the immigration interests of Canada by the constant publication and re-publication of these figures in the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe. Mr. Nimmo publishes monthly bulletins which are widely communicated to the press, and these give, month by month, the cumulative numbers. They are constantly telegraphed to and published in the London "Times;" and, in fact, all over America and Europe, under the authority of the Treasury Department of the United States, from figures furnished to editors and newspaper correspondents by the Washington Bureau of Statistics. The argument which is drawn from them and presented to the emigrating classes is, that if Canada is a place from which people flee in a depopulating exodus, it cannot be a good place for emigrants from the Old World to go to. The unfairness and injustice of these proceedings lie in the fact that these published statements fall to pieces under any test that may be applied to them, and yet they are persistently reiterated.

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