

that it would be an impossibility to ask the questions and record the answers in the time afforded, while the trains are crossing the ferry; that twenty men could not do so on some days; and that while this officer "did not think he had taken all the immigrants by 10 per cent., he sometimes thought the figures he had put down seemed too large, and he had "to 'scale them down.'"

There is, in fact, even a ludicrousness in the details with which some of these reports of occupations and professions of the immigrants are given, having in view the method of their compilation. One finds, as having entered from Quebec and Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island—as also shown in a previous Report—long lists of actors, clergymen, dentists, druggists, editors, lawyers, bakers, barbers, blacksmiths, labourers, milliners, tailors, servants, speculators, &c., and people "without occupations," altogether to the number of 45,393 at Port Huron—the process by which all these details are obtained and gravely published by the Treasury Department of the United States, being that described by Mr. Avery, and in the statutory declarations before referred to.

The "scaling down" process seems to have gone on for the last three years, and perhaps that is not surprising, when it was found that the so-called immigrants had been "scaled up" to much greater numbers than the total of all the passengers going west at Port Huron; perhaps, also, in view of the circumstance that these happy arrangements had been struck by the hard fact of repeated exposures.

I was informed by the Collector of Customs at Detroit, that an investigation had been ordered by an official from Washington, upon the exposures made in my first Report; but the results of the labours of that official, so far as I know, have not been permitted to see the light, and I have never been able to obtain a copy. *

* NOTE—It has appeared in evidence before the Immigration Committee, subsequent to the printing of this Report, that Gen. Hartsuff, the Collector of Customs at Port Huron, who has been appointed for about one year, in the place of Mr. J. P. Sanborn, has given information to a reporter of a Port Huron newspaper, to the effect that he has no officers to put on duty at the crossing to collect these statistics, but that he does for two weeks in each three months, place an officer on the trains with a memorandum book, and strict instructions to take an exact record of the immigrants. (But can one officer do this while the train is crossing?) The avowed object of the proceeding is to obtain a two weeks' standard to "scale" by! General Hartsuff gives it to be understood, moreover, that this care has only been taken during his administration. Before that time, then, during Mr. J. P. Sanborn's, it was the deluge.

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