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REPORT OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, 1881.

REPORT

ON

ALLEGED EXODUS

to

WESTERN UNITED STATES

BY JOHN LOWE,

*Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.*



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REPORT  
ON  
**ALLEGED EXODUS**  
ON THE  
**WESTERN FRONTIER.**

OTTAWA, 20th February, 1885.

Sir.—I have the honour to report that, in obedience to your instructions, I have again made an examination into the figures published by the Washington Bureau of Statistics, as representing the alleged emigration from Canada to the United States during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1884.

The figures given are 60,584, including 124 from Newfoundland, against 70,241 the previous year, showing a decrease of 9,657, or 13·07 per cent., under the heading of "Dominion of Canada."

It may be of interest to give the details of this alleged movement, as respects the ports at which the emigrants are alleged to have gone into the United States. The following statement is taken from the Annual Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics for the fiscal year above mentioned :

U. S. Customs Districts.	Quebec and Ontario.	Manitoba.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick	P. E. Island.	British Columbia.	Total.
Aroostook, Maine.....				233			233
Baltimore, Md.....	3		12				15
Boston and Charlestown, Mass.....	11		4,371	23	451		4,856
Buffalo Creek, N.Y.....	1,090						1,090
Cape Vincent, N.Y.....	136						136
Chicago, Ill.....	51						51
Cuyahago, Ohio.....	23						23
Detroit, Mich.....	26,341						26,341
Duluth, Minn.....	264						264
Fairfield, Conn.....			3				3
Gloucester, Mass.....			150				150
Huron, Mich.....	22,804						22,804
Machias, Me.....				1			1
Michigan, Mich.....	3						3
Minnesota, Minn.....		1,342					1,342
Newburyport, Mass.....			3	2			5
New York, N.Y.....	11		19				30
Oswego, N.Y.....	1						1
Passamaquoddy, Me.....			661	1,640	47		2,348
Philadelphia, Pa.....	5						5
Portland and Falmouth, Me.....	12		123				135
Salem and Beverley, Mass.....			7				7
San Francisco, Cal.....						244	244
Superior, Mich.....	373						373
	51,128	1,342	5,349	1,899	498	244	60,460

A feature of this statement strikes one at the first glance. The so-called emigrants, or at least the great majority of them, do not appear to have all gone in at the point of Port Huron as in former years; but the bulk of them are divided between that port and Detroit, leaving very small possible figures for French Canadian emigration from the Province of Quebec to the New England manufacturing States. This emigration, in fact, appears to be left entirely out in the cold, and yet everybody who has the slightest acquaintance with the subject is aware that it is worth quite as much consideration as the alleged emigration on our western frontier.

The way in which the figures are alleged to have fallen off at Port Huron is, at least, a curious circumstance. They stand as follow since 1880:

Years.	Total alleged Immigra- tion.	Port Huron.
1880.....	99,706	94,375
1881.....	125,391	111,170
1882.....	98,308	71,422
1883.....	70,241	46,393
1884.....	60,460	22,801

It is perfectly well known to every one at all acquainted with the subject and our routes of travel, that there has been no change in the facts to call for any such differences in the figures; but, on the contrary, the Grand Trunk Railway, which now includes also the Great Western system, has rather concentrated its outward travel on its main line going direct to Port Huron.

This, however, I merely remark *en passant*. It is unnecessary to dwell on the obvious inference. I have again obtained from the Grand Trunk Company an authentic statement of the total movement of passengers at all points of their system, both east and west,—that is, the *ins* and the *outs* of all passengers *from* Canada and *to* Canada, as distinguished from passengers who simply went through Canada. The facts afforded constitute a conclusive test of the correctness or incorrectness of those figures in the United States official table above given, at the two points of Port Huron and Detroit. I should explain that the figures at Detroit might be in some measure affected by the movement of passengers on the Canada Southern Railway. I have been unable to obtain the figures for the purpose of this report; but Mr. Nicol Kingsmill, the Secretary of that railway company at Toronto, has obligingly promised that the accounts will be so kept during the current year as to afford the desired information. I may, however, observe that the figures afforded by the passenger movement on that railway would simply affect results to the extent of the difference between the *ins* and *outs* from the part of the country along its line, from the Niagara to the Western frontier, and not, in any degree, the movement from points east

of Toronto; and, I think, not in any appreciable degree the nature of the total figures in the Customs' district of Detroit, for the reason that they would be of the same general character as those which have been obtained; while the figures of the Grand Trunk Railway are absolute as regards the facts at Port Huron—the old point of contention. Before coming to the examination of the question as it actually exists at Port Huron, I think it is better to point out the leading fact which is established by the figures representing the total movement of passengers from Canada and to Canada by the whole of the Grand Trunk system in the east and in the west.

The figures are as follows:

Total outs from Canada to United States.....	210,941
Less—European passengers.....	9,010
Total net outs.....	201,931
Total ins to Canada from the United States.....	206,616
Less—European passengers.....	1,778
Total net ins.....	204,838
Net gain to Canada of difference between ins and outs	2,907

I have no doubt of the perfect truthfulness of these figures, the details of which are appended hereto (marked Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F and G.) They were officially furnished by Mr. T. B. Hawson, the traffic auditor of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and they are absolutely destructive of the statement that Canada can have lost the population by emigration to the United States which is represented by the figures in the United States table, copied above. I believe, also, that they are equally destructive of the theory of any appreciable emigration from Canada during the year named. I mean *net* emigration—that is, the difference between *ins* and *outs*.

If we test the figures at the two points of Sarnia and Detroit by the figures of the Grand Trunk system referred to, we have the following results:—

Net outs at Sarnia (Port Huron).....	38,657
do      Windsor (Detroit).....	36,312
Total.....	74,969
Net ins at Sarnia.....	31,411
do      Windsor.....	39,338
Total .....	70,749
Difference, showing net loss by Canada at the two ports named.....	4,220

And this is the real fact, to be set against the claim of the Washington Bureau, in the table above copied, of 49,145 emigrants from Canada at Detroit and Port Huron.

I have to state that the methods of obtaining these so-called statistics are of precisely the same character as those described in my previous reports. I have, acting under your directions, taken pains to verify this fact. But I doubt if it is again worth while to occupy your attention by a repeated re-statement of the same class of details.

It is, however, a fact of sufficient importance to be again pointed out, that the Chief of the United States Bureau of Statistics, at Washington, in the annual volume of reports and statements officially published, does give pretended details respecting all these so-called immigrants from Canada, as to their last place of residence, citizenship, age at three periods of life, sex and occupations. The details of the occupations, as published in Mr. Nimmo's report, I subjoin as an exhibit herewith (marked H). We have here artists, clergymen, dentists, lawyers, doctors, barbers, bakers, weavers, fishermen, hotel keepers, nurses, pedlars, &c., &c., to the numbers of the figures stated. And with regard to such information, I have simply to remark that it could only, by any possibility, be obtained by a regular system of question and answer, and registration of the facts obtained on the spot—a method which would be plain to everybody who chose to observe it, and particularly so to the subjects of the information.

I have crossed repeatedly in the immigrant cars, for the purpose of observation, but I have never seen anything of this kind done, and I am assured by the Canadian Collector of Customs at Sarnia, and other officials at that point, who are intimately acquainted with the whole of the proceedings, that nothing of this kind is done.

It follows, indisputably, that the pretended information in the details which I have stated can only be set down by such methods as those described by Mr. Avery, Mr. Irwin and others officially employed in the United States service, as shown in the evidence given before the Immigration Committee of the Canadian Parliament, in 1884—that is, by a process plainly and unequivocally described by them as simple fabrication.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LOWE,

*Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.*

To the Honourable,  
The Minister of Agriculture,  
Ottawa.

## EXHIBIT A.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

## THROUGH PASSENGER STATISTICS.

## PASSENGERS from United States to Canada.

Entering at	Half-year ending Dec., 1883.	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883.
Sherbrooke.....	2,314	1,591	3,935	4,301
Ooaticooke.....	9,683	15,911	25,694	14,365
St. Johns.....	27,583	23,166	50,749	49,213
Prescott.....	560	397	957	720
Port Hope.....	286	173	459	249
Toronto.....	1,911	589	2,600	2,052
Suspension Bridge.....	28,300	23,373	51,673	57,279
Sarnia.....	18,466	12,945	31,411	31,655
Windsor.....	26,733	12,605	39,338	34,428
European passengers included.....	115,868	90,760	206,616	194,162
			1,778	1,535

## PASSENGERS from Canada to United States.

Leaving at	Half-year ending Dec., 1883.	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883.
Sherbrooke.....	2,712	2,548	5,260	5,402
Ooaticooke.....	9,455	5,632	15,087	15,855
St. Johns.....	29,561	25,123	54,684	50,139
Province Line.....	60	154	214	279
Prescott.....	371	311	682	778
Port Hope.....	75	63	138	82
Suspension Bridge.....	29,184	21,733	50,897	52,459
Sarnia.....	26,896	18,767	45,653	47,843
Windsor.....	24,761	13,575	38,326	29,422
European passengers included.....	123,045	87,896	210,941	202,259
			9,010	14,324

T. B. HAWSON,  
*Traffic Auditor.*

## EXHIBIT B.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

STATEMENT of East-bound Passengers passing through the Dominion *en route* from Western to Eastern States.

Leaving at	Entering Canada at			Windsor.			Grand Total, Grand Total, 1883.	
	Sarnia.	Half-year ending Dec., 1883.	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Year ending June, 1883.	Half-year ending Dec., 1883.	Half-year ending June, 1883.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883.
Sherbrooke.....	28	6	34	14	4	.....	4	8
Gatineau.....	849	1,746	2,695	2,084	890	261	1,141	1,445
Sutton .....	655	314	969	356	123	57	180	35
St. John .....	3,282	1,600	4,882	3,388	637	374	1,011	887
Prescott.....	371	355	726	984	182	125	307	551
Suspension Bridge.....	7,829	9,994	17,823	10,677	14,880	11,379	26,269	43,663
	13,014	14,015	27,039	17,503	16,726	12,186	28,912	46,592
								55,941
								64,095

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Traffic Auditor.

## EXHIBIT C.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

## STATEMENT of West-bound Passengers passing through the Dominion, en route from Eastern to Western States.

Entering at	Leaving Canada at			Windsor.			Grand Total, 1884.		Grand Total, 1883.	
	Sarnia.			Year ending June, 1883.	Half-year ending Dec., 1883.	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883.
Sherbrooke.....	5	2	7	249	1	.....	1	17	8	246
Coaticook .....	1,737	1,486	3,223	4,121	383	187	549	1,174	3,772	5,295
Sutton.....	595	437	1,032	692	77	37	114	36	1,146	728
St. Johns .....	5,752	4,783	10,534	9,232	902	410	1,342	1,763	11,876	11,005
Prescott.....	1,284	1,068	2,353	2,155	344	151	495	1,248	2,847	3,403
Suspension Bridge.....	22,626	30,053	52,678	28,779	25,832	14,531	40,363	68,696	93,041	97,375
	31,899	37,827	69,826	45,218	27,518	15,346	42,864	72,634	a 112,690	b 118,052

a. Includes 60,756 European passengers.

b. Includes 59,739 European passengers.

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## EXHIBIT D.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

PASSENGERS from United States to Manitoba, all rail, through Canada.

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Entering at	Leaving Canada at			Windsor.			Grand Total, 1884.		
	Sarnia.			Half-year ending Dec., 1884.	Year ending June, 1883.	Half-year ending Dec., 1884.	Year ending June, 1883.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883.
Coaticook.....	19	144	163	58	5	2	7	27	170
St. John's .....	34	16	50	237	2	.....	2	63	53
Prescott.....	3	2	5	16	1	.....	1	2	6
Suspension Bridge.....	21	41	62	88	9	13	22	42	84
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>313</b>
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(Signed)

T. B. HAWSON,  
Traffic Auditor.

## EXHIBIT E.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

PASSENGERS from Manitoba to United States, all-rail, through Canada.

Leaving at	Entering Canada at			Windsor.			Grand Total, 1884.		
	Sarnia.			Year ending June, 1884.	Half-year ending Dec., 1883.	Year ending June, 1884.	Half-year ending Dec., 1883.	Total.	Year ending June, 1884.
Coaticooke .....	15	22	37	28	6	5	11	3	48
St. John's.....	76	26	101	46	20	2	22	17	123
Prescott.....	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	3
Suspension Bridge.....	65	37	102	26	75	33	108	117	210
Total.....	156	86	242	104	102	40	142	138	384
									242

(Signed)

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Traffic Auditor:

## EXHIBIT F.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

PASSENGERS from Eastern Provinces of Canada to Manitoba, all-rail, *via* United States.

Leaving Canada at								Grand total, 1884	Grand total, 1883		
Sarnia.				Windsor.							
Half-year ending December, '83	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883	Half-year ending December, '83	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883				
1,981	2,927	4,908	12,390	375	779	1,154	4,438	6,062	16,828		

PASSENGERS from Manitoba to Canada, all-rail, *via* United States.

Entering Canada at								Grand total, 1884	Grand total, 1883		
Sarnia.				Windsor.							
Half-year ending December, '83	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883	Half-year ending December, '83	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883				
2,173	954	3,127	3,383	1,440	568	2,008	3,634	5,135	7,017		

STATEMENT of East-bound Tourist Passengers passing through the Dominion, *en route* from West to East.

Entering Canada at Toronto and Leaving at	Half-year ending December, 1883.	Half-year ending June, 1884.	Total.	Year ending June, 1883.
Sherbrooke.....	2	4	6	80
Coaticoote .....	65	4	69	318
St. John's.....	881	282	1,163	1,814
Sutton.....	14	26	40	6
Prescott.....	45	.....	45	32
	1,007	316	1,323	2,250

(Signed),

T. B. HAWSON,  
*Traffic Auditor.*

## EXHIBIT G.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA,  
AUDIT OFFICE,

MONTREAL, 13th February, 1884.

DEAR SIR.—In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that of the 9,010 European passengers to the United States, who arrived at Quebec and Halifax in 1884, 6,990 left Canada at Sarnia, the remainder leaving at other frontier points. Of 1,778 passengers who came from Europe, *via* the United States to Canada, 1,484 entered at Suspension Bridge.

Yours truly,

T. B. HAWSON,  
*Traffic Auditor.*

JOHN LOWE, Esq.,  
Acting Deputy Minister of Agriculture,  
Ottawa.

## EXHIBIT H.

OCCUPATIONS OF IMMIGRANTS alleged to have arrived in the United States from the Dominion of Canada during year ended 30th June, 1884, as taken from the Report of the U. S. Bureau of Statistics, Washington.

Occupations.	Provinces.						Totals.
	Quebec and Ontario.	Mani- toba.	Nova Scotia.	New Brun- swick.	P. E. Island.	British Colum- bia.	
<i>Professional.</i>							
Artists.....			5				5
Clergymen.....	3		14				17
Dentists.....	6						6
Druggists.....	1		1				2
Engineers, Civil.....			1				1
Lawyers.....		1	4				5
Musicians.....	1		1				2
Physicians and surgeons.....	3	1	7	1			12
Reporters.....			4				4
Teachers.....	2	1	14		1		18
	18	3	51	1	1		72
<i>Skilled Occupations.</i>							
Accountants, book-keepers, &c.....			1		1		2
Bakers.....			10				10
Barbers and hairdressers.....			4	3		4	11
Blacksmiths.....	292	2	28	17	2	4	345
Butchers.....		1	15			3	19
Carpenters and joiners.....	911	12	127	2	2	17	1,071
Clerks.....	76	6	194		5	19	300
Confectioners.....	1	4					5
Coopers.....			1				1
Dressmakers.....			17		1		18
Engineers.....	5		5				10
Firemen.....			3				3
Gardeners.....	1		4				5
Iron moulders.....	2						2
Jewellers.....	1	2	1				4
Machinists.....	2	1		6			9
Mariners.....			96		11		107

EXHIBIT H.—Occupations of Immigrants alleged to have arrived in the United States from the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c.—Concluded.

Occupations.	Provinces.						Totals.
	Quebec and Ontario.	Mani- toba.	Nova Scotia.	New Brun- swick.	P. E. Island.	British Colum- bia.	
<i>Skillful Occupations—Continued.</i>							
Masons .....	273	.....	12	7	.....	.....	292
Mechanics and artizans, N. O. D. ....	287	.....	264	2	16	.....	569
Millers .....	3	1	5	.....	.....	.....	9
Miliners .....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4
Miners, Coal.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
do N. O. D. ....	22	.....	7	.....	.....	51	80
Painters .....	1	.....	11	1	1	4	18
Plasterers .....	39	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Plumbers.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Printers .....	5	1	8	4	.....	.....	18
Seam-tresses.....	.....	1	19	.....	.....	.....	20
Shipwrights .....	.....	.....	33	44	.....	.....	77
Shoemakers .....	65	.....	15	1	1	.....	72
Spinners .....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	19
Stonecutters.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	6	8
Tailors .....	34	1	18	10	.....	3	66
Telegraphers .....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
Timmers.....	6	.....	19	1	.....	.....	26
Weavers .....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4
Wheelwrights .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
All other, skilled .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
	2,017	34	954	99	39	111	3,254
<i>Miscellaneous</i>							
Agents .....	1	.....	5	.....	1	.....	7
Cattle dealers .....	6	.....	6	.....	4	.....	16
Coachmen .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Farmers.....	7,320	357	356	292	26	.....	8,351
Fishermen.....	.....	.....	217	.....	2	.....	219
Hotel-keepers .....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Labourers .....	4,459	.....	469	475	50	59	5,510
Merchants, dealers, &c. ....	351	4	187	1	4	21	568
Nurses.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Officers, Civil .....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
Peddlers .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Railroad men .....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
Servants.....	988	.....	909	654	228	.....	2,781
Students .....	1	.....	19	.....	1	.....	21
Teamsters .....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
	13,170	364	2,173	1,422	316	80	17,525
Skilled .....	2,017	34	954	99	39	111	3,254
Professional .....	16	3	51	1	1	.....	72
Total .....	15,193	401	3,178	1,522	356	191	20,851
Occupations not stated.....	22,804	.....	90	207	.....	.....	23,101
Without occupations.....	13,121	941	2,081	170	142	53	16,508
Total.....	51,918	1,342	5,349	1,899	498	244	60,460