

THE DEPORTING LAW.

GREAT HARDSHIP TO IMMIGRANTS AT QUEBEC.

One Hundred and Fifty of the Arrivals by the Steamer Montreal Held and Will be Returned Unless Friends Here Come to Their Relief.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Quebec, May 27.—Poor immigrants coming to **Canada** by the various steamship lines are going through a very unpleasant experience on their arrival at Quebec these days, and the steamship companies are called upon to share in their misfortune. Almost every steamer from Europe which has arrived at the port of Quebec since the opening of navigation this season has had to reship and bring back a portion of the steerage passengers deported by the immigration branch of the Department of the Interior.

This morning 750 Gallicians, steerage passengers from Antwerp, were landed from the steamer Montreal at the breakwater, and ushered into the immigration buildings for medical and civil examination. The great majority were stalwart young and middle-aged men, booked for all parts of the Dominion. But they were not all destined to pass the severe examination of the civil inspectors.

Three hundred were held up for a second examination for want of the necessary \$25 in cash, besides their railway ticket, and when this number was gone over a second time one hundred and fifty, who managed to qualify by finding the money hidden about their person, were allowed to proceed. The other 200 were sent to the House of Detention, which is now crowded to its utmost capacity with undesirable immigrants, given a chance to receive assistance from their relatives or friends who had preceded them to this country or undergo the painful necessity of deportation. The severity of the law governing immigration these days is hard upon the **foreigners** coming to seek a home and better their condition in Canada. Ignorant of these laws, the poor people are induced to take passage by agents abroad, who no doubt hold out every inducement of success.

The Government immigration official on this point has a sad duty to perform, but the law is inexorable, and he enforces it to the letter.

The principal cities of **Canada** are at present overcrowded with foreign labor, who are fast becoming an expensive public charge, and this evil must be remedied, even at the expense of the influx of immigration. On the other hand, every latitude is given legitimate farmers and domestic servants, who can easily find a means of living, and the supply is not equal to the demand.