

migration Bureau show that the number last year was very small. It is probable that if such figures were collected by the United States Government it would be shown that the number of citizens of the United States emigrating to Canada is much larger than the number of Canadian citizens immigrating into the United States.

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INCREASED NUMBER BY WAY OF QUEBEC.

Illegal Entries of Aliens Have Decreased—Influx and Efflux Across the Border Favor Canada.

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Washington, Aug. 11.—The new Commissioner-General of Immigration, Frank P. Sargent, is satisfied that the number of illegal entries of aliens into the United States by way of Canada decreased during the last fiscal year. This is not true, however, of the regular, legitimate immigration. For several years the increase of European immigration into this country by way of Quebec has agitated the officials of the Treasury Department. They have believed that when the number of legitimate entries increased the number of those who stole across the Canadian border in violation of the law also increased. The theory has always been, too, that undesirable foreigners from Europe, who would have hard work in passing the immigrant inspectors at domestic ports in the United States, such as New York, have taken advantage in large numbers of the less direct route by way of Quebec.

Despite the measures devised between this Government and various Canadian transportation lines a year ago to restrain European immigration by way of Canada, the number of immigrants entering the United States via Quebec was larger in the fiscal year which closed on June 30th last than in any other year in the history of the Government. The figures have just been made public by Commissioner-General Sargent. The total number of foreigners landed at Quebec last year, and coming thence to the United States, was 26,409. The number in the fiscal year 1901 was only 21,674, and in the fiscal year 1900, 20,011.

There is, of course, no means of determining how many aliens from Europe stole across the Dominion border into this country, but Mr. Sargent believes that it was less last year than in any other recent year. When the co-operative arrangement was made between this Government and the Canadian steamship and railway lines a rigid system of inspection was adopted, and the number of immigrant inspectors on the northern border was considerably increased.

The rejection of a larger number of European aliens at Quebec by the United States authorities at that port, because they are afflicted with diseases or are otherwise undesirable, is of course a bad thing for Canada. Unless the Canadian authorities take strict measures the rejected immigrants will probably find a domicile in the Dominion; and the supposition is that if they are not good enough for the United States they are not good enough for Canada.

During the last fiscal year the statistics prepared by the United States Immigration Bureau show that the number of diseased aliens detained in hospitals on this side of the northern border has decreased, and that, coincidentally with this decrease, the number at Canadian ports has increased.

Commissioner-General Sargent will discuss at some length in his forthcoming annual report the subject of immigration through Canada. As for the immigration of Canadians to the United States, the figures gathered by the Im-