

CANADA HELD OWN

IN IMMIGRATION

Obtained Fair Share With the States and Other Parts of Empire.

London, July 30.—The low ebb of emigration revealed by the statistics for the half year ending June 30, showing a drop from 128,496 last year to 53,300 this year, drew the comment from Obed Smith, Canadian commissioner of emigration, that evidently this is a non-emigrating year throughout Europe. Though the figures compare badly with those of last year, which reached high water mark, he said they showed an advance on the figures for four or five years ago. Taking the inward and outward figures, as supplied by the Board of Trade, Canada was no worse off than other parts of the Empire. These figures showed the balance of movement, as between last year and this year, to be; Canada, 20,259, against 21,548; Australia 21,282, against 1607; the United States 40,014, against 13,449.

European ports suffered equally, as Bremen and Hamburg showed a decrease of 20,000, and Denmark showed 2000 less.

The non-emigration was largely attributable to the better industrial conditions here, said Mr. Smith, while in Canada a large amount of labor was freed by the virtual completion of the transcontinental railways. There was nothing wrong with Canada. She was

only following the same policy of absorbing what she had, rather than encouraging the coming of superfluous immigrants.