

5,260 IMMIGRANTS ENTERED CANADA THROUGH THE SAULT

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REJECTS WAS 554

A Lot of Wealth is Brought
by Those Entering at this
Port.

This year has been a busy one with the immigrant officials, as with every one else and the number of people who have been admitted to Canada through this port has been very large. Between January 1st. and November 30th., 5260 people entered this country at Sault Ste. Marie.

There are people of all classes in this number, but a great many of those who are coming in at present are men who are going to the lumber camps. Many also are headed for the west to take up land as settlers. Of these a large portion are returning Canadians who in the old, unhappy days migrated southward and are now returning to the own land to share in its increasing prosperity. That the people of the great republic are turning their eyes and their footsteps in this direction is an evidence that the country presents great possibilities, for citizens of the United States are, as a rule, expert at picking out the best chance.

A large number of returning Canadians are French-Canadians, who are bound home to Quebec to live in peace and plenty for the rest of their days, having acquired some measure of wealth in the country to the south. The French-Canadian who emigrates to the United States really takes out naturalization papers, always having before him the hope of returning to his native Quebec to settle down after he has made his pile.

Early in the year a large number of men were coming in to go out to the railway construction camps of the Canadian Northern Railway north of Port Arthur and others again to Sudbury. But this immigration has now fallen off, partly, perhaps, because the men cannot be got. The demand for labor of this kind was so great during the summer, that the regulation which will not allow a foreigner to enter Canada except directly from his own country was suspended for a while to permit the bringing in of laborers belonging to certain European nations from the United States.

The vast majority of the immigrants from the United States are by no means penniless when they enter the Dominion. In fact many of those who pass through this port can show \$3,000, \$4,000 \$5,000, and some more, when they meet the inspector. One man passed through the Sault official's hands this year who declared his wealth at \$60,000. The cash, however, is not the only thing that these people bring with them as they generally have a lot of baggage, and in several cases have brought in a lot of live stock.

The figures issued by the immigration department show that from April 1st. to December 1st., 321,058 immigrants arrived in Canada. Of these 108,035 were from the United States, as compared with 101,686 settlers from United States in the same period last year. These immigrants brought with them wealth that totalled altogether \$162,000,000.

It is also worthy of note that over 100,000 sheep have been brought into Alberta from Montana this fall.

Since the first of the year 554 persons have been refused admission to Canada at this port for one reason or another.