

SELECTING IMMIGRANTS.

EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ALREADY APPARENT.

Falling Off in the Numbers of the Less Desirable Class, While Those Who Are Admitted Are Calculated to Become Useful Citizens—The July Returns.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—The difficulties and restrictions with which Canada surrounded the immigrant who aims to enter the Dominion has had an effect upon the arrivals. Last winter the Minister of the Interior adopted a policy of selecting immigration from the best countries of the world more strictly than had ever been done before. It was required that the immigrant to gain admission must come direct from the country of origin, and must possess at least twenty-five dollars. The object was to keep track of the newcomers and to insure their not becoming public charges. Then at the beginning of April inspectors were placed along the United States boundary to prevent immigrants who could not get in otherwise coming in by that route.

July returns of immigration show that 11,322 immigrants arrived during the month, while in the same month of the year before the arrivals numbered 26,341. The decrease was 57 per cent. During the first six months of the year the arrivals numbered 107,451, against 185,760 during the first six months of 1907, the decline being 45 per cent. Since the inspectors were placed on the United States boundary on April 1 they have turned back 323 persons as undesirables, thus justifying their usefulness in three months.

During the first six months of the year 437 persons were refused permission to land at Canadian ports, and 872 persons were returned to the countries from which they came.

RAILWAY TO MEDINA.

LINE OF STEEL TO MUSSULMANS' HOLY CITY.

City of the Prophet Connected With Damascus — Impressive Opening Ceremonies—Prayers at the Prophet's Tomb at Dawn.

(Associated Press Despatch.)

Medina, Sept. 1.—The new railway from Damascus to Medina, the Holy City, was opened to-day with most impressive ceremonies. The Imperial Mission sent from Constantinople for the occasion prayed at the Prophet's tomb at dawn, and then proceeded to the railway station outside the town, where a dense crowd of Mussulmans from all quarters of the globe had assembled.

Field Marshal Kiazim Pasha, director of construction, expressed satisfaction with the work, after which Ali Djevad Pasha conveyed the Sultan's official message of congratulation to all concerned, and declared the line open.

A number of speeches were made, the most striking of which was that of the Egyptian Ali Kismil, who rejoiced that the Prophet had not permitted the railway to reach the Holy City before the Caliph had granted a constitution to his people. A salute of twenty-one guns concluded the ceremony.