

MANY IMMIGRANTS COMING THIS YEAR

Steamship Companies Fully Booked for Months With Those Coming to Canada.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—English reports state that there will be a great rush of English emigrants to Canada this year, and Mr. J. Obed Smith, head of the Canadian Government Emigration Department in London, states that they are prepared to ship twice as many as they did in 1912.

Mr. Smith says that last year the number of arrivals in the Dominion was 395,804, which constituted not only a record in number but in quality also. The largest number of settlers went to Ontario, followed closely by Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Of the 395,804 arrivals only 45,850 were British subjects. The United States contributed 140,143, and from the continent came 109,802.

Representatives of the C.P.R. state that already some of their vessels are booked up until the end of April.

Both the Empress of Britain and the Empress of Ireland are booked up with second and third-class passengers on February 3, February 21, March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18. In each case the number of passengers taken is about 1,300, so that the two ships alone will have landed 155,000 emigrants on Canadian shores by the end of April.

"We are quite up to the average, and we expect that the rush this spring will eclipse anything we have seen before," an emigration agent explained. "Though people have been going to Canada for years, it is only now that the country is really becoming known, and consequently it is only now that the possibilities of the country's resources are being understood.

"It is true that a small percentage of the intending settlers come back, but their number does not affect the general total, as it is so small, and, besides, these are the people who go out expecting to find everything cut and dried for them.

"Scotland is sending out over a thousand emigrants weekly during the season, and there are a large number of Irishmen, especially farm hands, who have come to see that Canada is the land of promise.

"There is no doubt, however, that the emigration trade of Canada has been cut into by the Australian emigration trade, but in spite of that the numbers going west are in excess of any previous season."