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Last Year's Immigration

Figures given in a comparative report forwarded in mid-September to Commissioner General Keefe, of the Immigration Bureau in Washington, incline one to judge rather favorably the material condition of the newcomers who sought an asylum on this side of the Atlantic during the past year. The 1,114,989 aliens—immigrants, as well as aliens temporarily here, are thus designated in the report—arriving in this country during the last fourteen months brought with them \$46,712,697.

The report shows that the tide of immigration is greater now than it was a year ago, although the first five months of the fiscal year (June to October, 1911) ran behind the figures returned the previous year. One may conclude, too, that the quality of those now entering is better, at least those passing the inquisition of immigration officials are materially more comfortably prepared for the new country. Immigrants entering the United States during the fiscal year, June, 1911, to July, 1912, had an average of \$38 per capita, whilst those who followed them in July and August had \$40.

Of the arrivals during the fiscal year, 1.6 per cent. were debarred from entering this country. Special mention is made of the fact that immigrants from Canada carried the greatest amount per capita, and those crossing the Mexican border brought with them least money.

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