

SECTION XIV.—ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS.

1. **General.**—The following table shews the total number of immigrants, the cost of whose passage was wholly or partly defrayed by the State Governments, up to the end of the year 1908, and the number arriving in each year since that date:—

Commonwealth.—Number of Assisted, Selected, or Nominated Immigrants to the end of the Year 1916.

Particulars.	To end of 1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	Total.
No. of Immigrants ..	660,065	9,820	16,781	39,796	46,712	37,445	20,805	5,796	1,397	838,617

During the seven years, 1910 to 1916 (inclusive), the average number of assisted immigrants was 24,104. During the year 1916, a total number of 1397 arrived, as against 5796 for the preceding year, a reduction of 75.9 per cent. The number of immigrants arriving during 1916 was 94.2 per cent. below the average for seven years, 1910 to 1916.

2. **Number of Assisted Immigrants arriving in each State, 1916.**—The following table shews the number of selected and nominated immigrants arriving in each State during the year 1916.

Assisted Immigrants.—Number Arriving in each State, 1916.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'wlth.
Selected ..	70	129	64	..	..	..	263
Nominated ..	579	198	236	..	103	18	1,134
TOTAL ..	649	327	300	..	103	18	1,397

During the year 1915, the number of selected immigrants arriving in the Commonwealth was 1,951, and of nominated immigrants 3,845, hence the 1916 figures for the former shew a reduction of 86.5 per cent. and for the latter a reduction of 70.5 per cent.

3. **Number of Assisted Immigrants, Classified in Industrial Groups, 1916.**—In the following table particulars are given of selected and nominated immigrants of each sex, classified according to industrial groups, dependants being specified separately:—

Assisted Immigrants.—Classified according to Sex and Industrial Group, 1916.

INDUSTRIAL GROUP.	SELECTED.			NOMINATED.		
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. . . . .	..	..	..	3	..	3
II. Engineering, Metals, etc.	1	..	1	12	..	12
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc. . . . .	..	..	..	4	5	9
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc. . . . .	..	..	..	8	42	50
V. Books, Printing, etc. . . . .	..	..	..	2	1	3
VI. Other Manufacturing . . . . .	..	..	..	2	5	7
VII. Building . . . . .	..	..	..	8	..	8
VIII. Mining . . . . .	..	..	..	6	..	6
IX. Rail and Tramway Services . . . . .	..	..	..	1	..	1
X. Other Land Transport . . . . .	..	..	..	1	..	1
XI. Shipping, Wharf Labour, etc. . . . .	..	..	..	2	..	2
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	57	1	58	10	..	10
XIII. Domestic Hotels, etc. . . . .	..	168	168	2	103	105
XIV. General Labour and Miscellaneous	4	..	4	37	60	97
Dependants, Adults	4	12	16	41	329	380
„ Children under 12 years	13	3	16	204	237	441
TOTAL	79	184	263	342	792	1,134

* Including 13 "Dreadnought Boys," arriving in New South Wales.

The following are some details as to the numbers and proportions of the various classes, etc., of assisted immigrants during the year 1916:—

Total number of Assisted Immigrants	1,397
Number of Dependants	853
Percentage of Dependants	61%
Number of Adult Workers, Selected Males	62
„ „ „ Females	169
„ „ „ Nominated Males	97
„ „ „ Females	216
Number of Selected Adult Male Workers in Group XII. (Agricultural, etc.)	57
Percentage of Selected Adult Male Workers in Group XII. (Agricultural, etc.)	91%
Number of Selected Adult Female Workers in Group XIII. (Domestic, etc.)	168
Percentage of Selected Adult Female Workers in Group XIII. (Domestic, etc.)	99%
Number of Nominated Adult Male Workers in Group XII. (Agricultural, etc.)	10
Percentage of Nominated Adult Male Workers in Group XII. (Agricultural, etc.)	10%
Number of Nominated Adult Female Workers in Group XIII. (Domestic, etc.)	105
Percentage of Nominated Adult Female Workers in Group XIII. (Domestic, etc.)	49%

4. Number of Assisted Immigrants arriving in each State, October to December, 1916.—The following table shows the number of selected and nominated immigrants arriving in each State during the fourth quarter of the year 1916:—

Assisted Immigrants.—Number Arriving in each State, October to December, 1916.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'with.
Selected ..	9	14	..	..	..	..	23
Nominated ..	100	44	..	..	15	8	167
TOTAL	109	58	..	..	15	8	190

During the fourth quarter of 1916 there arrived in Australia 377 less assisted immigrants than during the third quarter, a decrease of 33 per cent., New South Wales shewing a decrease of 149, Victoria 48, Queensland 149, and Western Australia 35, while in Tasmania there was an increase of 4.

5. **Number of Assisted Immigrants, Classified in Industrial Groups, October to December, 1916.**—The following table gives particulars of assisted immigrants of each sex, classified according to industrial groups, dependants being specified separately :—

Assisted Immigrants.—Classified according to Sex and Industrial Group, October to December, 1916.

Industry.	Males.	Females.	Industry.	Males.	Females.
I. Wood, Timber, Furniture, etc.	..	..	IX. Rail and Tramway Services	..	..
II. Engineering, Metals, etc.	1	..	X. Other Land Transport	..	..
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	2	..	XI. Shipping, Wharf Labour, etc.	1	..
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	1	10	XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, Rural, etc.	7*	..
V. Books, Printing, Binding, etc.	..	..	XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	..	16
VI. Other Manufacturing	1	2	XIV. General Labour and Miscellaneous	3	9
VII. Building	1	..	Adults	13	50
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	1	..	Dependants (Children under 12 years)	30	42
			TOTAL	61	129

* Including 5 "Dreadnought Boys" arriving in New South Wales.

Out of the total number of assisted immigrants, the larger percentage, viz., 67.9 per cent. were females and the balance, 32.1 per cent., males. The number of children under 12 years of age was 71.1 per cent. of the whole number.

As regards males, the number of dependants was 44, or 72 per cent. of the whole, while 7, or 11 per cent. of the total were in Group XII. (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). Of these agricultural immigrants, 6 arrived in New South Wales, and 1 in Victoria.

Of the 129 female immigrants, no less than 92, or 71 per cent., were dependants, and 16, or 12 per cent., were in Group XIII. (Domestic, Hotels, etc.), and of these latter 6 were selected, and 10 nominated. The number of females in Group XIII., who arrived in the various States during the fourth quarter of 1916 were: New South Wales 11, and Victoria 5.

Assisted immigration has temporarily ceased in Queensland and South Australia, and selected immigration in Western Australia and Tasmania.