

## The Japanese Tidal Wave.

Special Dispatch.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Wednesday, June 27.—M. Shimezu, Japanese Consul for Canada, in speaking of the approximate number of Japanese immigrants which would be permitted by the government to migrate to America, puts the figures at 7128 per year; or 3588 for the United States and 3540 for Canada. The laws governing immigration to the United States are different from those applying to Canada. In the case of Canada there are five immigrants allowed to migrate to Canada each month in the year from each of the forty-seven prefectures or provinces of Japan, and besides this regulation each of the twelve immigration companies of Japan are allowed five passports per month, or in other words, the immigration companies are permitted to take 295 Japanese per month to Canada, or 3540 during the year. It is not required, however, that a stated number be taken each month. If it were desired, or if it were possible to do so, the whole number allowed for the year would be shipped in one month, but no more emigrants would be allowed to leave Japan for the rest of the year. Mr. Shimezu says that his government for the winter months of this year will place all the restrictions possible on emigration from Japan. The law as applied to the United States is as follows: In nine prefectures ten per month are permitted to migrate, in eleven prefectures eight per month, in thirteen prefectures five per month, in fourteen prefectures four per month, and there are no extra passports allowed the immigration companies; this makes a total of 299 per month, or 3588 for the year. Mr. Shimezu says that many inland prefectures do not contribute any immigrants, but the total number permitted to leave the country seems to have been reached by taking more from other prefectures to make up for the provinces that do not send any, of their people into the new world. Mr. Shimezu says there is no destitution among the Japanese here and that they are rapidly disappearing to somewhere. One month ago he had to provide for twelve destitute Japanese, but none since then.

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