

SECTION XIV.—ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS.

1. **General.**—The following table shows 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 1909, and the number arriving in each year since that date :—

Commonwealth.—Number of Assisted, Selected, or Nominated Immigrants to the End of the Year 1917.

Particulars.	To end to 1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	Total.
No. of Immigrants	669,885	16,781	39,796	46,712	37,445	20,805	5,796	1,397	504	839,121

During the seven years 1911 to 1917, inclusive, the average number of assisted immigrants was 21,780 per annum. During the year 1917 a total number of 572 arrived, as against 1397 for the preceding year, a reduction of 63.4 per cent. The number of immigrants arriving during 1917 was 92.6 per cent. below the average for the seven years 1911 to 1917.

2. **Number of Assisted Immigrants arriving in each State, 1917.**—The following table shows the number of selected and nominated immigrants arriving in each State during the year 1917 .—

Assisted Immigrants.—Number arriving in each State, 1917.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	C'wealth.
Selected ..	11	24	31	66
Nominated ..	228	122	60	..	26	2	438
Total ..	239	146	91	..	26	2	504

During the year 1916, the total number of selected immigrants arriving in the Commonwealth was 263, and of nominated immigrants 1134, hence the 1917 figures for the former shew a reduction of 75.3 per cent., and for the latter of 60.6 per cent.

3. **Number of Assisted Immigrants, classified in Industrial Groups, 1917.**—In the following table particulars are given of selected and nominated immigrants of each sex, classified according to industrial groups, dependants being specified separately :—

