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There are but few preparations of medicine which have withstood the impartial judgment of people for any great length of time. One of these is THOMAS ECLECTRIC OIL, purely a preparation of six of some of the nursely a preparation of six of some of the purely a preparation of six of some of the nursely a preparation of six of some of the nursely a preparation of six of some of the nursely a preparation of six of some of the nursely a preparation of six of some of the nursely and six of the nursely six o



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Mr. Crooks holds (Immigration Re port for 1875, p. 3) that we ought not to discourage emigration to Canada under any circumstances. We hold, on the contrary, that we ought not to encourage emigration from Canada under any cir Already the yearly flow of Canadians

arready the yearly flow of Canadians is to the United States has begun. Times are bad there, but nothing seems to stop the movement. If this were a wreck of a country like Ireland, or an uncomfortably crowded hive like England, the annual exodus of the young men would not be so painful and humiliating a spectacle as it is. But here mental principle

a spectacle as it is. But here is a young and vigorous people, possessed of a land of illimitable area and fertility, and living under a constitution which embodies all that is good in republican and monarchical forms of government, who every year send forth the pick of their youth to a strange country with as much resignation and humility as though they were under the yoke of the forty millions and were compelled by force of arms to furnish an anyoke of the forty millions and were compelled by force of arms to furnish an annual draft. Let a stranger go into a Toronto workshop, and what does he hear from the young mechanics? Do they speak of Canada as men speak of their own? Their hopes are centered on the revival of trade in the States. They are here waiting for the return of the spies who have gone to spy out the strange land and see whether it is likely to be good or bad, fat or lean, after the panic that has lately swept it. Let the visitor go into the farmhouses, and, as in Ireland, he will find that at least one of the family has the same of the younger was notable which has been also been and boildly announce wearboard generation but

staying here until it is ready to go away. The flower of Lower Canada is in New England. There are 25,000 young men of Ontario in Chicago alone. There are 500,000 Canadian born, i.e., half a million of the present generation of this country, in the States to-day. We spend money to get emigrants from Europe; we bring them here; they settle and make a home and die here, but their children, the young men who "know the ways of "the country," pack up and cross the line, making room for another batch of untutored emigrants, whose sons in their turn leave us and go elsewhere. That Canada is thus a nursery to the States is proved by the census returns of 1861 and 1871. Everybody remembers the sore disappointment of the latter census; how the anticipations of a wonaderful ratio of increase were knocked on the head by the incontrovertible fact that the increase in the population ought to have shown an increase. Between 1861 and 1871 it is estimant must astaisfied. This is the epopulation ought to have shown an increase in the population ought to have shown an increase of nearly half a million over and above the maxural rate. But the painful fact retrained that the increase by emigration from the Old World had been met by a closely corresponding decrease caused by the emigration of Young Canada.

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met by a closely corresponding decrease caused by the emigration of Young Canada.

It is an unpleasant task to look ugly facts like these in the face but the pride that would conceat them is false, mistaken, and dishonest. What could be more dishonest, for instance, than the careful suppression in the Immigration Report for 1875 of the number of immigrants who returned to Europe last year, and of the number of Canadians or others who left Canada for the United States during the same period. This suppressio veri system will be laid hare by the next census; it cannot deceive for long, it is unworthy of intelligent men and ought to be dropped, for there is no profit in falsehood. Rather, let those who are in charge seek to contrive the means of keeping our own people at home. Let them do that first, and spend their hundreds of thousands a year in bringing emigrants from Europe afterward.

SPRING HILL RAILWAY.

THERE is a piece of railway, some five miles long, in Nova Scotia, which goes by this name. It connects the property of the Spring Hill Coal Company with the Intercolonial Railway. It was owned by the Dominion Government, but they have chosen to dispossess themselves of it, and to give it absolutely and without reservation of any kind to the Coal Commion at 1379. reservation of any kind to the Coal Com-pany. There has been a good deal of pany. There has been a good deal of comment on the transfer in the Nova Scotia papers; and we presume but for the unavoidable absence of Dr. Tupper from Parliament towards the close of the Seigneur of Beaupol late session, he would have brought the subject before the House. A brief reference was made to it during the discussion of the Estimates, and Mr. Mackenzie ac-

It is to be regretted, in the public in terest, that the matter was not fully discussed in the House. We believe, from the information we have received, that the instance of Messar. BTEATER and SKITER, the former of whom at all events has a family, if not a personal, interest in the road. Were it true that the road did not pay, that we saw that the instance of Messar. BTEATER and we would have a sufficient reason, we should proceed at once to hand over the Intercolonial Railway itself, all our railways in the Martine Provinces, and all our canals, to private medical and over the Intercolonial Railway itself, all of the company of the control o