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No I.

EMIGRATION.

DEAR READER,—Should Jottings No. I pass muster with the Inspector-General of the DOMINION MONTHLY other effusions will follow on a variety of subjects, including sketches of the trials and triumphs of backwoods life — topics familiar to the early settler, and possibly interesting and useful to such as seek a home within the borders of our Dominion.

Emigration being an important undertaking to those who move, and a valuable source of strength to our country, may properly claim our first attention.

You good people in the three kingdoms of fatherland, who feel moved to try and better your fortunes, we invite cordially to this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions. You will find here no abatement of your privileges as British subjects, but an enlarged degree of liberty and an ampler field in which to exercise your abilities and ambition.

With the exception of the Governor-Generalship, every office in the land is open to every man, whatever his country, color, or condition. It is well, however, for intending settlers to be aware that Canada is a very miserable country for shiftless, indolent people. Stop where you are unless you feel willing to work, and to work hard, during the earlier stages of your career. Men here, are, as a rule, what they make themselves. Emphatically, in Canada

there is no royal road to wealth and position. We are, in a large sense, a nation of self-made men.

Another necessary qualification for successful life in Canada is steady habits. Tipplers had better die at home than hasten their end by coming here. One course alone is safe for every man who sets foot on our shores, and that is total abstinence from all that intoxicates. Of all the causes of failure in securing prosperity in Canada indulgence in strong drink stands pre-eminently first. In very many respects to effect settlement now is an easy and pleasant business compared to what it was some years ago. The voyage is much cheaper and much more expeditious.

The country to which we invite you is a far more desirable region than it was of yore; in fact it is a prepared place. The early settler can speak feelingly of the time and toil required in passing through Canada when he made the journey. The ocean trip is now performed in as many days as it formerly took weeks; and on landing the voyager finds a train of cars waiting to hurry him forward to any point of the compass he may desire to go.

Commercially, Canada is in a vastly improved condition. The facilities for trade are such that the luxuries and necessities of life are more easily, as well as more cheaply, obtained than they were a few years ago. Agriculture has also made rapid strides, and the labor-saving machines at present in use, not only secure