

No. 4.

1st.—What funds have been placed at your disposal during the past quarter for the relief of emigrants?

395*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*, expenses of the Emigration Department in Western Canada for the six months ending 30th June.

2d.—State the description of labour which is in request in the colony?

In consequence of the construction of the Northern and Western Railways and other public works, the demand for common labourers, at advanced wages, is and has been unusually great in this section of the province. Mechanics of almost every description—such as masons, bricklayers, blacksmiths, tailors, shoemakers, cabinet-makers, and wheelwrights—are also sure of constant employment and good wages. Agricultural servants are also much wanted.

3d.—Would the rate of emigration of the last quarter satisfy the existing demand for labour?

A much greater number could obtain employment, and as additional works are to commence in the spring, the demand for labour is sure to be greater in 1854 than it has been in any previous year; and the general opinion is that a further advance in wages will take place.

4th.—State any particulars relative to emigration, the demand for labour, and the means of remunerating it, which you think may be useful?

The season up to this time has been very healthy. I know of no better market for labour of all kinds, nor any better means for remunerating it, than that which is furnished by the present outlay on public and private undertakings of almost every description. (Signed)

Emigrant Office, Toronto,
August 3, 1853.

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