

It is clear that some method must be devised to place the Canadian emigrant at least upon an equal footing with the emigrant to the United States.

I was glad, however, to learn from M. Bossange that he thinks there is a gradual awakening in France to a better knowledge of Canada as a place of business, and he gave me some instances of emigrants who have done exceedingly well in Canada, and are opening business communication with their mother country. M. Bossange was of opinion that the main difficulty at present is that there is no direct line of steamers or sailing vessels to Canada. To this point I shall return hereafter as one that was impressed upon me elsewhere.

With regard to his personal position, M. Bossange also, in the course of the conversation which took place at succeeding times expressed his view that he should have a fixed recompense from the Government for all his trouble; that he occupies a difficult position, and that while there may be no immediate return for the expense incurred by the Government, there is, on the other hand, an object in ordering a movement to Canada, and in keeping its resources fairly before the French public. It might, perhaps, be possible for you to consider this arrangement, were you disposed to entertain favourably the recommendation which I shall hereafter make with reference to to the Government Agent at Paris, M. Paul de Cazes.

I had several conversations also with M. Paul de Cazes, who, as you are aware, takes an intelligent interest in his work, which is, however, of necessity of a somewhat restricted character. You are aware that it is impossible for M. de Cazes to act as an ordinary Agent for emigration, or in any part of France to endeavour to canvass persons to emigrate. In that country our Agents are precluded from adopting the plan pursued by the English Agents. M. de Cazes, therefore, can only watch, and, to the best of his powers, assist the efforts of M. Bossange, and Mr. Brown; and, by intercourse with literary men and publications in the French press endeavour continually to drop the seeds which may develop into a mature harvest.

I remained in Paris until over Friday, the 10th, to be present, as a member of the London Committee, at an official visit to the English Department of the Maritime Exhibition; so that I had ample time for considering the position of affairs.

• On the whole, I regret to say, it appears to me that there is little