

the emigrant intends settling in Canada or going to the North West. This route is by far the most agreeable to the Great West in summer, and provisions are cheaper, and there is a choice of either rail or steamboat.

If aid by the Government in some such form as that which I have indicated would be given, I am assured that there would be no difficulty in such a company obtaining ample capital, and securing the most able administration, and that it could be placed in a position to commence operations with the opening of the navigation in the spring.

Let us assume that there is a population in and around the metropolis of 250,000 desiring to emigrate if they had the means and could better their position. It would require a fleet of twelve steamers, performing six round voyages a year each, and carrying 700 passengers each, for a period of five years, to carry that number of people across the Atlantic.

In conclusion, let me assure you that whether the subject of this letter is or is not considered worthy of your consideration, it expresses many of the opinions of the wisest and best men across the Atlantic. That the facts are as I have stated them no one with a knowledge of the subject will venture to deny; the practical remedy suggested is the result of practical minds. I could have desired that I might have been gifted with a better command of language to do justice to this great subject, but let me say that the protection and aid of a paternal Government, and the philanthropy for which my country is so renowned, never can be more judiciously and beneficently directed than in carrying out an extensive system of emigration of our surplus population to the Dominion of Canada and the North-West States of America.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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