

small club I knew of, 1200 people were enrolled on the books, and all clamorous to be partly assisted out, and only 300 to 400 eventually could be sent to Canada, for want of funds. Much misery was created by numbers of the disappointed somewhat improvidently selling off all their goods and chattels, awaiting their turn, and some discredit unwarrantably thrown on the almost Herculean and philanthropic, though only partially successful, endeavours of the conductors of the club to satisfy all the applicants.

I have once or twice in the following papers, which appeared in the *St. James' Magazine* and *United Empire Review* during the past five months, had occasion to point out that the Emigration Societies and Clubs did not send out "paupers" to the colonies. A fact, however, connected with this subject may be stated, that calls for some recognition. Some years ago a district in Prince Edward Island, called Little York, was entirely settled by paupers sent out from England, and curious to state, it soon became a most thriving township, and continues to be so to this day.

The progress of this Island, which well deserves the name by which it is known, "the garden of British America," has been sadly delayed by irritating questions that have grown from trifles into serious grievances. They date back more than a century to a Quixotic scheme for settling the island by reviving the tenures of the Feudal ages. On the map the island was divided into a score of townships, each being granted to a courtier, or at least some favourite of the Government. Each seignory was to have its Lord Paramount, its castles and retainers. But the Lords Paramount never ventured away from England, their only vassals for years were Indians and wild beasts, and their castles were, and still are, nothing more than castles in the air.

The terms of settlement were never fulfilled, quit rents were unpaid, and the whole story proved a *fiasco*. One theory only remained, the original grants. Emigrants arrived in time and became tenants on most favourable terms, and frequently on long leases. But tenancies are unsuited to the New World,