

who do the work. Allow me to draw a comparison between my colleagues and fellow-sufferers. By having removed lecturing agents in England, the course of emigration from there is not interfered with; you still have the London office with its chief and its staff, who ought to be quite sufficient, now that Canada is generally known there; but by removing me, the result and success of eight years' hard labor is lost, the money expended on it wasted, and a successor would have to go over the same ground again, but I question whether he would succeed in winning the same attention. If a man builds a house he necessarily must put a roof on it to preserve it; so do I require the time of another couple of years, seconded by the liberal support and warm encouragement of the Canadian people, to fully develop my schemes, and to put them in such form as to make them self-acting: after that I shall willingly give up my position to a more capable administrator.

I hope I have succeeded in showing you that I have filled my position creditably; you will then agree with me that the Government is justified in not allowing these advantages to be lost to the country.

Such conditions as the present ones may not present themselves again; circumstances change and policies change, and the propitious moment may be lost for ever. Gentlemen, some twenty-five years ago an immense emigration from Germany to the United States set out, to which that country owes much of her greatness. Canada was not then prepared to step in as competitor. I believe she was not quite sure whether such an emigration would be of any advantage, of which point, however, she has been re-assured, for some of my country people have, in spite of yourselves, found their way to Canada, and have proved themselves good citizens. The well-kept and orderly farms which one meets on one's way through the west of this Province, have given ample testimony as to the desirability of such an acquisition. They are manageable and loyal subjects, and have amalgamated very well with the Canadians.

We are now fast approaching a similar favourable moment. Let me tell you what has been told me at the Foreign Office in Berlin:—"You are wise to take your measures while emigration is at a low ebb; it will increase in the near future, and once the stream is flowing it will be hard to direct it into another channel."

This cautionary remark alone seemed to me assurance sufficient to fully expect to return and work upon it. The statistical reports have