

The extraordinary and increasing emigration to the British Colonies during the last year, ought not to be lost sight of. More than 55,000 are reported to have been landed in Lower Canada, nearly the whole of whom, equal to one-fifteenth of the population of both Provinces, have been absorbed therein; and from the facility with which they have found employment or locations, the actual improvement in their condition, as can be attested by your Committee, as well as from other sources of information, your Committee have reason to expect that the Emigration will not only increase in the course of the ensuing year, but consist of a class with more ample means of settlement. The various and liberal grants and enactments of the Provincial Legislature too, for making Roads, Railways, and Canals, some of which are in actual progress, are of importance to the speedy establishment of the Company: for one object alone of this kind, no less than £50,000 have been voted. These circumstances, it must be evident, are greatly favourable to the early formation of the Company, whose first attempts are contemplated in the vicinity of these works

It is not, however, necessary to explain the detail of the modes by which it should be effected, further than to remark that its object will be to purchase tracts of land from Government, Corporate Bodies, or Individuals in the Province of Lower Canada, or other Provinces and Colonies in British America; to open Roads, build Mills, &c. &c.; to dispose of the Lands to Emigrants and others; to afford information and assistance to, and facilitate the location of, persons intending to purchase Lands of the Company, and transmit their funds; and in all respects to hold in view principles and purposes similar to those of the Canada Company; varying, however, in such particulars as may seem to be advantageous, and adopting such other points as may have been overlooked in that Establishment, or which the peculiar situation, laws, population, and circumstances of the Province may seem to require.

It is within the knowledge of your Committee that besides the ungranted Lands and Reserves in Lower Canada, which, when the former Committee was in communication with his Majesty's Government, were calculated at four millions of acres, there are at this time many extensive private properties in the market, could purchasers be found on a scale commensurate with the quantity of acres to be sold. Upon these grounds, and in obedience to your request, your Committee have drawn up the following short Prospectus, which they respectfully submit to this Meeting; premising, however, that when it shall be taken into consideration, some of its provisions may admit of change, and others of value to the success of the Company, may present themselves.

Finally, your Committee is not disposed to anticipate any difficulties in arranging with his Majesty's Government, when the benefits, whether Individual, Colonial, or National are considered; at this period too, when the practicability of such undertakings have been fully tested, and when, as it is understood by the Committee, the Government is itself engaged in plans for promoting Emigration.

All this your Committee humbly submits.

(SIGNED)

NATH^l. GOULD,

CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

London, 6th February, 1832.