

The last cargo of human beings which was received from Lord Palmerston's estate was by the "Lord Ashburton," the captain of which but a few days since died of the prevailing fever, and consisted in all of one hundred and seventy-four men, women, and youths; of which eighty-seven were almost in a state of nudity. No time was lost in collecting from the military, who have on this occasion and throughout the season, been most kind and liberal, and from other sources, sufficient articles of clothing for the males; while apparel for the females was purchased from the pawnbrokers and other places. Fortunately, they were generally in good health, so that the Emigrant Commissioners were enabled to have them sent off without delay to their different places of destination.

I feel gratified to be able to state to your lordship that the people of the province generally are disposed to welcome to the country all who may feel inclined to emigrate. They are willing to lend a helping hand to those incipient efforts of emigration which by industry and probity eventually lead to affluence and honour. They desire to see among them a vigorous and healthy population, industriously employed in developing those great resources so amply possessed by Canada, in the several departments of agriculture, commerce, and the mechanical arts, and they confidently believe that the honest views, the moral improvement, and the immediate comfort of thousands of their fellow-countrymen at home, who now pine in want and indigence might be eminently promoted, by a removal to this portion of British North America. While, however, they would afford every facility to the Imperial Government in carrying into successful operation a well-digested system of emigration, they at the same time must earnestly remonstrate—nay, protest, against the introduction of such hordes of beggars and vagrants as have been so unceremoniously thrust upon this young and thinly-populated country. They confidently trust, my lord, that the known humanity of her most gracious Majesty, and that of her advisers, will induce them, without delay, to take all necessary steps within their power to prevent a recurrence of the evils so justly complained of, and which forms the subject of this appeal.

The fatality which has attended the course of emigration since the month of May last, cannot, my lord, but be present to your mind; it presents a picture from which the eye of the statesman, the patriot, and the Christian turns with affright, disgust, and horror. Of the one hundred thousand human beings who left the land of their nativity to find a home in Canada, it is estimated that fifty thousand were common paupers from the bye-lanes, poor-houses, and parishes of large and populous cities. Of the original one hundred thousand,