

the outlay for road labour; but as we made no estimate for implements, skilled oversight, and horse hire, we may be permitted to place this twenty per cent against these contingencies. Whatever may be the outlay for assisting the immigrant in building his log house, and making his first small clearance—for on these two necessary works alone should we make any advances—we do not think it fair to take into account here, as the government would hold ample security for its repayment with interest. The cost of survey, which is reckoned at about one penny per acre, is another item with which we have at present nothing to do, as we find it charged separately from road expenditure, in the Public Accounts. The only extra expense to be incurred by carrying out the plan we have proposed is the salaries of the local agents, which might not be over two hundred and fifty pounds each, and fifty each for travelling expenses or horse keep, in all, for the three Lower Canada territories, only nine hundred pounds per annum.

We suppose the chief object to be held in view by the Canadian statesman, who desires to encourage immigration, or rather the colonization of our waste lands, is to secure the settlement of the greatest number of acres, at the