

ADDENDA.

On my way to post I met my friend Alderman Mullan, J.P., in the shop of Mr. Fitzpatrick, one of the principal butchers of this town. I thought it a good opportunity to introduce Canadian cattle, and was pleased to hear that Mr. Fitzpatrick had two Canadian beasts for the Christmas market. He told me he would be very glad to have them every week; that he went to Liverpool to purchase the two he got; that if they were landed here they would meet a speedy sale, as they are *the best beef* sold in either Liverpool or Glasgow, but that it is very inconvenient to go to Liverpool uncertain whether any Canadian cattle have arrived, and perhaps have to wait two, three or four days before they arrive. I do hope that a trial may be made of the Belfast market, for some of the shipments of the coming spring.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIMERICK AGENT.

(MR. J. MURPHY.)

LIMERICK, (IRELAND,) 10th January, 1877.

SIR,—I have the honour of submitting the following report of my efforts in directing emigration to Canada from the South and West of Ireland for the year 1876.

Immediately after my arrival in this city, and after my transfer from the Ontario to the Dominion service, I made application to the late Agent General for a supply of pamphlets, and also for instructions. I punctually received a liberal supply of Canadian literature, but was informed that in consequence of the Government having decided to abolish the office of Agent General, Mr. Jenkins had severed his connection with emigration matters, and, as a consequence, declined to make any suggestions for my guidance. My experience as Ontario Emigration Agent was quite sufficient to guide me in the performance of my duties, and I at once entered upon their active discharge.

As Limerick is the chief business centre for large portions of the counties Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and Kerry, I distributed on market and fair days a large number of pamphlets and circulars amongst the rural populations of the above counties, visiting the city on these occasions. During the year I also travelled extensively, visiting during my tours the counties of Cork, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, Clare, Roscommon, Galway and Mayo, in addition to paying visits to several localities in the county Limerick, in all which I distributed, as opportunity offered, a large quantity of printed matter. During the year I gave away pamphlets, maps, and circulars to the number of 8,000.

I have had frequent applications from correspondents in almost all the counties of Ireland for information on Canada, which I invariably answered by letter, and by forwarding copies to each applicant of all pamphlets in my possession at the time. I noticed that many of those who wrote to me asked for free passages, having evidently confounded assisted passages with such, and who seemed surprised that they could not get them, although in my advertisements in the newspapers, I offered only assisted passages to the classes required in Canada, namely, agricultural labourers and female domestic servants.

During the course of my travels in Ireland in the interests of emigration, I came into contact with many classes of the people, the majority of whom I found much opposed to further emigration. Professional men (particularly Catholic clergymen, with few exceptions) as well as farmers and the mercantile community are opposed to emigration; but I early discovered that their reasons were selfish. The