

I had an opportunity of reading an extract from the law forbidding gambling in Canadian railway carriages; could such a regulation be put in force in steamers crossing the Atlantic, many a well-to-do young emigrant or visitor might have the contents of his purse preserved for his own use instead of enriching the professional card sharps and gamblers, who haunt the Ocean lines and are constantly on the look out for young dupes.

Before concluding, I desire to express my cordial and grateful thanks to all those gentlemen who kindly assisted me with letters, information or advice.

Very imperfectly, I am aware, have I endeavoured to throw out a few ideas, hints, and suggestions that may possibly turn to the mutual advantage of colonists and the Mother Country; had time permitted I might have carried my enquiries and investigations further, but, if, as a wandering member of the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce, I am permitted to assist in promoting trade, and friendly and profitable intercourse between the capital of the Empire and a colony so loyal and patriotic as Canada, I shall not have made a journey of nearly 9,000 miles in six weeks entirely in vain.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE N. HOOPER.

The Honourable

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