

TO THE
RIGHT HON. G. J. GOSCHEN, M.P.,
PRESIDENT OF THE POOR LAW BOARD.

SIR,

In addressing you on the subject of emigration to North America, I beg to say that the information I have obtained is the result of more than thirty years' experience while actively engaged in many of the great public works of Canada and the United States. During that period I have witnessed the increase of population in British North America from one million and a half to nearly four millions, and in the United States from about fifteen millions to forty millions. I have seen 2,500 miles of railway and upwards of 40 miles of ship canals constructed in the British North American Provinces, and upwards of 30,000 miles of railway constructed in the United States; I have seen the population of Toronto, the capital of Western Canada, rise from 8,000 to 60,000, and the city of Chicago from 8,000 to 200,000; I have seen new States added to the Union equal in extent and producing capabilities to the whole of Europe; and I have seen the millions of poor European emigrants who landed upon the shores of America and accomplished all this, rise to a state of prosperity and independence unequalled in the history of any other people in the world.

Every man who has made himself practically conversant with the rise and progress of British North America and the United States in the past, and the immense and fruitful field