

APPENDIX I.

A WORKING MAN ON LABOUR AND WAGES IN MANITOBA.

THE following Memorandum respecting labour and wages in Manitoba, and other general information about the country, has been prepared by a working man now residing in Winnipeg, who recently came to England to visit his friends for a few months:—

“ Having received many inquiries for additional information respecting Manitoba, which, as I am sailing from Liverpool to-morrow, I am unable to reply to separately, I have decided to write in the form of a Memorandum the particulars mostly desired, by which course each of the applicants will obtain the benefit of the answers to the questions put by others as well as by himself.

There are no free passages to Manitoba, but mechanics and labourers are allowed to have the benefit of a reduced rate on filling up a form, to be obtained from the Canadian Government Offices in London. This enables adults to travel from Liverpool or London to Quebec for £5. The rail fare from Quebec to Winnipeg is £4 5s. by the “Lake route” (open in the summer months), and £5 15s. by the “all-rail” route. The latter is quicker by a couple of days. On the ships, children between one and twelve are charged half fares, and under twelve months ten shillings; on the railways, those between five and twelve at half fares, those under five free. On the ships, passengers are supplied with food, but on the railway they must find themselves. I may add that the assisted passages are also available from Glasgow, Derry, and Queenstown.

When a man gets to Winnipeg, he must look out for work himself, just in the same way as he would do in England, but