

FOULD'S BLOCK, WINNIPEG.

Emigration to Canada.
To ${ }_{2}{ }^{T}$ the editor of the munster news.
8 Belmont Terrace, - North Circutar Road. Dublin, June 11th, 1897.
SIR-I have read with astonishment the letter misrepresent ing Canada, which you published in a recent issue of your paper...... Permit me, as a matter of justice, to correct some of the bsurd statemeuts confay. It is not necessary to dwell on the reneral character of the letter. t is misleading and false. fact the only truthful statement in the letter is that which prolaims the excellence of the soil of many portions of Canada You have hundreds of Irishmen who have risited Canada. Will they speak disparagingly of the climate? Take the province of British Columbia, which to-day, on account on torest wealth, is atracting the attention of the capi alists of the world. There is lit le rifference between its climate and that of Ireland. Visit the palatial hotels of Victoria or Vanter you will find plants and lowers flourishing and decorat ing all the principal apartments all seasons the steamers run down and up Columbia river. Ration British Columbia the getation in British Columbia, the climate so propitious that all kinds of fruit, grain and roots inds of frut, before any thonotht of frost is entertained. And if greater attention is not given to Columbia, it is simply because thousands are rushing to the scene of the gold and silver mines in the province. Name fyou can, in the wide world, a better wheat-growing country han the North-West Territorie of Canada.
Your correspondent claims that there are no markets. Evidently he has never visited the country. The Canadian Paint Rallway traverses the Continew, and at an the principal town which . there you will find buyers from the United States, from Great Britain as well as from all parts of Canada The rom all pen sold before harvest crop is. It would be hard to conceive of a more beautiful spectacle than that presented by the prairies of the North West. Thither thousands have proceeded and established happy homes, and every day from all parts of Europe men with their families are going. Irishmen in Canada do not desire the depopulation of reland. Far from it; but they know that men with large fami lies who find it difficult to es-
tablish their sons or to give them that fortune which they would like to bestow owing to the
difficult conditions in regard to land prevailing in Ireland wil prospered in Canada are naturally desirous of seeing some of the emigration which usually leaves Ireland go to Canada. Assuredly there is no crime in entertaining uch ideas.
You are aware, nodoubt, that large proportion of the population of Canada is of lirish origin or of I men in Canada have attained emi nenceand distinction, have acqui fortunes. That genius of the Irish race is as apparent in Canada as in any part of the world. There you will find a striking iliustra tion of the great truth that where rishman's place is in the fron rank.
Assuredly no man can find fault with you in discouraging emigration from Ireland, but is it fair even to attain such an end that Canada should be vilified
and misrepresented? I have not and misrepresented? I have no
spoken of the older provinces of spoken of the older provinces of
Ontario and Quebec. They are Ontario and Quebec. They are
better known because of the large better known because of the large
cities of Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Hull, Three Rivers etc., which do business with many of the important centres of Europe. Do you want an idea of the general wealth and prosperity of Canada? Visit Mon-
treal. Its port its visited by steamships from all ports of the world; its river steamers are
pronounced floating palaces. The great countinghouses and ware houses, banks, libraries, and puh of Montreal impress at onces, etc. visitor ; the regularity and solid pavement of the streets, the man sions that line them, the thou
sand spires and turrets and churches appearing in all parts bysiness like charactor thestrong moral, intellectual, religious cities in the world are as beauti ful as Montreal ; none so wealthy -the extent and population be ing kept in view-and Montrea gives a fair idea of the comfort ng within the Dominion of Ca nada. Discourage emigration perhaps it is a duty you ow reland, but you also owet o Ca nada fair play-for Canada has always been sympathetic to Ire land, and accorded a warm wel come to Irishmen.

With best wishes, Believeme yours etc. C. R.DEVLIN, Commissioner in Ireland for the Government of Canada

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