

but for my increasing exertions to induce the emigrants to proceed westward; firstly, because I conceived that they would there find a greater demand for their labour; and secondly, with a view of lessening the burthen of their maintenance by the Government or the public.

No. 26.
Lord Sydenham to
Lord John Russell.
26th January, 1841.
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9th. The moral department of the emigrants is such as may be naturally expected from persons of the lower class of society. They have generally exhibited great civility, particularly while in expectation of relief. The latter portion of the present query embraces a wide field of inquiry, for which I have not had such means at my disposal as would qualify me to enter upon. The whole subject of emigration is involved therein, and I should fear to suggest "any improvement in the present mode of conducting the business of emigration" without having had an opportunity of adding to my practical knowledge the information to be gained from the report of Parliamentary Committees, and the suggestions of eminent writers on this interesting and important subject. The chief improvement, however, may be comprised in the discouragement of pauper emigration until adequate means have been taken by the Government or the public for the *immediate* employment and complete surveillance of such persons. I anticipate no improvement in the present system of emigration by the transportation of emigrants by the Irish land-holders, Highland chieftains, or parish committees. Canada requires not only the increase of population, but increased means of employment; and without the latter, poor emigrants must remain a burthen upon the public until they gradually find their way into the United States, where capital has been hitherto more abundant. It is not sufficient that Canadian farms might be improved by an increase of labour expended thereon—the required capital for such increased labour is wanting, and before emigration can really become useful to the community, means must be found by the Government for the employment of paupers on waste lands, or upon public works, or by the attendant emigration of agricultural capitalists.

10th. The total amount of expenditure at my agency has been 85*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* currency, the items of which consist of—

	£.	s.	d.
Food and lodging	16	17	5
Free passages	7	0	0
Funeral expenses, pecuniary relief, and sundries	3	6	9
	27	4	2
Salary as agent and medical attendant from June 20th to November 21st inclusive, at 7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per day	58	2	6
	£85	6	8

I have, &c.
(Signed) E. CARTWRIGHT THOMAS.