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object - which is equally important - is to enable persons, with really good records and who desire to emigrate, to carry with them a certificate of good character and qualifications, which will enable them immediately on arrival to enter upon work for which they are fit. For instance, I was much impressed on my visits to Canada by the fact that the man with a long and reliable record was ^{in a} no better position *on his first arrival* than the man who came to the Colony, because he was a failure in England.

When a case applies at our Office we investigate its antecedents and send a report to Agents at the place where the case is going, which enables ~~the~~ man - if his character is good - to take advantage of the fact, immediately on his arrival.

Of course every organization based upon new ideas is bound to commit a number of gross errors, and to have failures and my only cause of anxiety is that ~~is~~ the cases we have dealt with during the first nine months of this year have been too successful, and persons reading our Report may think we can ~~really~~ achieve more than is, humanly speaking, ~~really~~ possible.

I think, if I have given a correct idea of the work we propose to do, you will agree with me that every Canadian should welcome the effort to sift emigrants before they leave and to arrange for their distribution on arrival.

I think the work of our Society is in a small degree a security against that condition of overcrowding which exists in the Eastern side of New York, and which I always

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