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the province offers every possible inducement to such class of persons as are desirous of establishing themselves on land, and at once remove the popular fallacy, that none but prairie or old settled lands are suitable for the occupancy of the new intending settler.

Among the English arrivals this season, it was manifestly apparent that they were a highly respectable, shrewd, and intelligent people, and evinced a disposition to set at work in earnest for the accomplishment of the object they had in view when leaving the shores on the other side of the Atlantic. By continuation of such energy, they are bound to become at no very distant day a happy and prosperous portion of the community.

It was pleasing to find among the arrivals of this present season so many women and young families proceeding to join their heads, who had preceded them the year previously. This is an unmistakable symptom that they must have succeeded in providing a suitable new home for their reception; and this being accomplished in such a short space of time, must be taken as an evidence that so far the emigrant to the shores of the Ottawa can have no good cause in relenting his act of colonization in this section of the province. The present season's emigration was entirely free from infectious or contagious disease; and although there were more cases requiring the assistance of our hospitals than during 1857, still they were for simple and trifling complaints, and in a short space of time, with the efficient medical and other attendance as afforded at those excellent institutions, they were restored to perfect health, and it is gratifying to find that no adult mortality has occurred during this period. The result of this season's emigration to this section of the province (with the few exceptions herein particularised by me) must be considered as eminently successful, and which, undoubtedly, will influence future extended operations. The various beneficial effects attending the accession of settlers to this district is universally acknowledged, and the highly respectable people who have passed through the city at different periods during the season has awakened our community to a sense of its vast importance, as being the primary means of extending the resources and otherwise improving its internal material improvements. Therefore it is but natural to suppose that they will hail with delight any measure that can be adopted to encourage its continuance, and it is, consequently, most pleasing to my feelings, from a combination of such circumstances, to be enabled to hold out satisfactory inducements to the emigrant in 1859. The agriculturist has now become fully aware of the advantages the introduction of labour at a fair cost has had in respect to his avocations, as only by such means could his operations on an extended scale have been undertaken and accomplished for his benefit; and now the good effect of such policy being pretty generally understood among this class, they are basing their future calculations upon its further extension, consequently this district will afford employment for a large number of farm labourers during the next season. But I must again draw the attention of this particular class of persons, that they must be labourers in fact as well as in name, and that they will be required to perform laborious duty, exceeding probably any that they had been accustomed to. Such a class of labourers are greatly needed in the Valley of the Ottawa, and they can be most advantageously distributed in various sections of its vast and still increasing habitable territory. Men of this class, with families, ought to be situated so that their wives and a portion of their children (at any rate) should be able to render them partial assistance; for during the first few years the wages of a labourer would hardly be sufficient in itself to defray the expenses of a large and helpless family. Great discrimination is needed by labourers so situated in emigrating to this country, particularly if not possessed of some little means whereby their families can be provided for, for a limited period, until by experience and perseverance they are enabled to better their position by acquiring a homestead of their own, which is frequently accomplished in an amazing brief space of time.

With reference to mechanics: the remarks in allusion to tradesmen before made in this Report should be well considered by those who may venture out to this country during next year. From a variety of circumstances, and more especially owing to the large number of tradesmen that have emigrated to Canada within the few past seasons, no very great inducements can be held out to such as must find employment in cities or towns; but if they feel disposed to locate themselves in country parts, and progress with the growth of the country, then to all such there are openings at various points on the Ottawa, where, in a few years, they must become independent. Such a class of emigrants must be made to know that their ultimate success depends entirely on their own exertions; many rising villages and small towns will be glad to obtain their services, and with energy and determination they will be enabled to provide a future comfortable home for themselves and families. Of course it would be most advantageous if all such mechanics as may come out in 1859 should possess a trifling amount of means, as in this way they will be in a position to abide their time in settling themselves in the most desirable locality that may present itself. In respect to the other remaining class of emigrants who may have means, and seeking a home-stead in this country, the statements in the foregoing with reference to this season's experience, as regards the progress of such persons during that period, are applicable to the future; and all that I shall say, in conclusion, is, that this part of Canada can accommodate all desirous of acquiring lands of very superior quality, in various parts, and at prices to suit the views of the different applicants, according to locality and description required. To all such I can, with the greatest confidence, recommend the Valley of the Ottawa, being well satisfied that there they will be settling themselves in an advantageous manner for their own future interests. The very erroneous impression as to the propriety of obtaining land contiguous to the city ought to be removed by every possible means, for this section of the province in this respect varies from all others; for on the Ottawa, the more remote the farm.