

the carriage of emigrants. These steamers should be of moderate tonnage, not exceeding 2,000 tons register, with auxiliary steam power equal to an average speed of 10 knots an hour, and lifting screws, by which means only a small space in the vessel would be required for engine, boilers, and coal, and thereby leaving greater space and better ventilation for the passengers. No steamer should carry more than 700 passengers, and I would offer a premium of one or two hundred guineas for the best design for such an emigrant ship. I would observe that it generally requires nearly double the amount of steam power to raise a vessel from a speed of 10 to 12 knots an hour; it is this "driving," as it is called, which adds so frightfully to the miseries of emigrants in bad weather. The company would act as agents for the British North American and United States General and State Governments for the sale and granting of lands and for railway companies and corporations having lands for disposal. By this means millions of acres of land would be placed at the disposal of the company. They would also act as agents for all the great railway companies in America, so that the emigrant would be landed at his intended destination for a certain fixed sum, and thereby protected against all imposition. The company would co-operate with all the various local emigration societies and other kindred associations. The rates of passage to be regulated by the Government from time to time like the postage of a letter. The number of passengers, the bill of fare, the accommodation, ventilation, number of boats, and average speed of the ship should be approved by the Government, and the Government aid should be limited to the payment of an efficient subsidy, the same as to an Atlantic mail steamer.

For the present I would run the steamers from the Victoria London Docks to Quebec in summer, and to Portland in the early spring and fall of the year, and, on the completion of the Intercolonial Railway, to Halifax.

Quebec is the best port for debarkation in summer, whether