

The amount placed against each item is believed to be (at least in Eastern Canada) fully as high as would be actually required; and it may be explained, that one thoroughly acquainted with the modes and other circumstances peculiar to the country would probably effect a saving in nearly every item.

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In conclusion, it is earnestly requested of the Government and People of Canada, that they would give a due and unbiassed consideration to, at least, the principles here enunciated, and therefrom determine the policy and practicability of adopting them as the basis of *some* scheme that shall safely, and with the least impediment, work out the destiny of this fine country—not a mere cursory consideration, as if to pass off the humour of a day, but one conscientiously directed to ascertain the right course, and to pursue that vigorously through all obstacles to its perfect accomplishment. To the question of the policy of such a scheme belongs necessarily the idea of its perfect adaptibility of the existing circumstances of the country to its object; to that of its practicability must appertain the consideration of the means at command for fully effecting it: thus necessitating a thorough knowledge of the principles upon the operation of which alone, as a sound foundation, a system of colonisation can be successfully effectuated.

This subject—the colonisation of the country—is *our* main question of political economy, which, amidst party distractions, has been suffered to be treated only in experiments with apparently no basis of principles: no legislator (out of the Government) has evinced as much interest in it as to make it his study and business; the Press only occasionally refers to it, according as accident or extraneous circumstances stimulate it; the people,