

preserves order amongst the emigrants, protects them from imposition, sees that they procure wholesome food at moderate rates, takes charge of the sick and destitute, and furnishes all enquirers with full and reliable information as to railway and steamboat fares and the best routes to reach their destination. The Minister of Agriculture, who has had long experience as to the requirements of emigrants, and thoroughly understands how they can best be assisted, has also placed trustworthy and intelligent agents at Montreal, and other important stations along the main line of travel; hence the emigrant who appeals to any of the Government agents at any station in the Dominion for advice or assistance, may feel confident that he will be protected from imposition, and aided in reaching his destination.

The sober, honest, and industrious emigrant, in the enjoyment of good health, can at once command wages more than sufficient to house, clothe and feed his family; and if he be prudent and place his spare wages in the Government Savings bank, where he will receive 5 per cent. interest on deposits, he must in a few years become independent. The climate of the Dominion is as healthy as that of England, and longevity equally common, though those who indulge in the whisky bottle in Canada are doomed to an early grave. One special advantage the emigrant can command in almost every part of the old settled Provinces, namely, an excellent education for his children, free of cost.

AVERAGE WAGES PAID IN CANADA.

	Currency.	Stg.
Blacksmiths, per day.....	\$1 50 ..	£0 6 0
Bakers, "	1 50 ..	0 6 0
Brickmakers, "	1 50 ..	0 6 0
Bricklayers, "	2 75 ..	0 11 0
Carpenters, "	1 75 ..	0 7 0
Cabinetmakers, "	1 75 ..	0 7 0
Laborers, "	1 25 ..	0 5 0
Millwrights, "	2 00 ..	0 8 0
Masons, "	2 75 ..	0 11 0
Painters, "	1 75 ..	0 7 0
Plasterers, "	1 75 ..	0 7 0
Printers, "	1 50 ..	0 6 0
Stonecutters, "	2 75 ..	0 11 0
Shoemakers, "	1 50 ..	0 6 0
Tailors, "	1 75 ..	0 7 0
Watchmakers, "	1 50 ..	0 6 0
Farm laborers, per }	17 00 ..	3 8 0
month, and board }		
Servant Maids, "	6 00 ..	1 4 0

Currency. Stg.

Lumbermen, com- mon hauls, per month, and board } 25 00 ..	5 0 0
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It is to be observed in connection with this table that many mechanics and skilled artisans work by the piece, and consequently earn much higher wages. Printers, for example, working by the piece, earn from \$15 to \$20 per week. Likewise stonecutters, masons, bricklayers, brickmakers, carpenters, quarrymen, &c.

The hours of labor in Canada are generally from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in summer, and 7½ a.m. to 6½ p.m. in winter, 10 hours. In a few large establishments 9 hours constitute a day's labor; in some others the workmen are granted a half holiday on Saturdays. Saturday is the usual pay day.

It may be stated in connection with the rate of wages that food is plentiful and cheap in Canada; and the Dominion is, therefore, a cheap country to live in. The following are average prices in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick:

Currency. Stg.

Bread, 3 lb. loaf.....	\$0 12	£0 0 6
Butter, per lb., salt.....	0 20	0 0 10
Beef, per lb.....	0 10	0 0 7
Cheese, per lb.....	0 15	0 0 7
Coffee, per lb.....	0 30	0 1 3
Flour, per bbl. of 200 lbs...	6 50	1 6 0
Firewood, per cord.....	5 00	1 0 0
Ham, per lb.....	0 12	0 0 6
Herrings, per bbl.....	5 00	1 0 0
Oatmeal, per 200 lbs.....	5 75	1 3 0
Mutton, per lb.....	0 12	0 0 6
Pork, per lb.....	0 10	0 0 5
Potatoes, per bushel.....	0 30	0 1 3
Soap, yellow, per lb.....	0 05	0 0 3
Sugar, brown, per lb.....	0 10	0 0 0
Tea, per lb.....	0 50	0 2 2
Tobacco	0 30	0 1 5
" Native grown.....	0 20	0 0 0

The purchasing power of the dollar in Canada is much greater than in other parts of America, especially in those things which go to make the cost of living, and this fact should always be kept in mind, in making comparisons between the rates of wages paid in Canada and the United States.

Emigrants to Canada are strongly advised to take the St. Lawrence route. It is 448 miles shorter than that by way of New York, and possesses the advantage of smooth water—of inland navi-