

NEW
BRUNSWICK.

9. During the coming season almost any number of unskilled labourers may be certain of finding steady employment at three shillings and sixpence to four shillings sterling per day. Masons, joiners, house and ship-carpenters, bricklayers, and millwrights will also find ready employment at five shillings to eight shillings sterling per day, the highest rates being given to ship-carpenters and millwrights.

10. Great facilities for reaching New Brunswick are now presented by the semi-monthly line of large class packet ships at present plying between Liverpool and this port, to which it was proposed to add during the coming season, two powerful iron screw steam ships, of 1,700 tons burthen each, now building, if the owners are assured of certain aid from the province.

11. The opening of the railway from Portland to Montreal, has created a new line of traffic for emigrants from Europe bound to Canada through this port of St. John. The voyage from the United Kingdom here may be stated at ten days less than to Quebec, besides avoiding all the dangers of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence. From hence to Montreal via Portland, the time at present is thirty-five hours only, which it is proposed to reduce by placing two more large and powerful steamers on the route to Portland, so that one may leave here every day for that place, and thus prevent the least delay. This mode of reaching Canada will also be advantageous in the spring, as passengers arriving here in March or April may be permanently located there, long before ships can possibly reach Quebec by the St. Lawrence; and they may also join their friends in that province quite comfortably, late in the season, long after the navigation of the St. Lawrence has closed. From the arrangements now in progress, there is every reason to believe, that next season passengers from the United Kingdom for Montreal will reach that place, via St. John much more speedily than by Quebec, at no greater expense, if not more cheaply.

12. I beg once more to bring under your Excellency's consideration, the difficulties and delays attending the acquisition of Crown lands in this province by intending settlers, and I earnestly beg that some mode may be adopted for obviating these difficulties, which I am well assured have deterred, and are deterring many persons of the best class from becoming purchasers and settlers.

Which is respectfully submitted.

The Right Honourable Sir Edmund Head, (Signed) M. H. PERLEY,
&c. &c. &c. H. M. Emigration Officer for New Brunswick.

Government Emigration Office,
St. John, New Brunswick,
January 9, 1854.

Sub-Enclosure to No. 10.

ABSTRACT RETURN of IMMIGRATION to New Brunswick during the Year 1853.

Quarters.	Whole No. of Vessels arrived.	Deaths on Board or in Quarantine.	Births on Board or in Quarantine.	Adults.		Between 14 Years and 1 Year.		Under 1 Year.		Totals.		Whole No.
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Quarter ended March 31	1	—	—	8	4	1	1	—	—	9	5	14
" June 30 -	10	8	2	844	514	208	183	32	31	1,084	728	1,812
" Sept. 30 -	15	1	—	427	379	187	179	25	27	639	585	1,224
" Dec. 31 -	12	3	3	341	153	103	92	13	10	457	255	712
Totals - -	46	12	5	1,620	1,050	499	455	70	68	2,189	1,573	3,762

RECAPITULATION.

	Males.	Females.
Adults	1,620	1,050
Between 14 years and 1 year	499	455
Under 1 year	70	68
Totals	2,189	1,573

In the whole, Three thousand seven hundred and sixty-two souls.

(Signed) M. H. PERLEY,
Government Emigration Office,
St. John, New Brunswick,
December 31, 1853.
H. M. Emigration Officer for New Brunswick.