

increase of British population could be carried off by emigration, thereby relieving the Mother Country of its burdens, and enriching her at the same time, improving the Colonies, and spreading civilization over the world, where is the need of imposing any restraint, either legal or moral, either natural or artificial on the production of population? The evil consequences of such restraints—even if they could be made effectual, and they would be all the more detrimental the more effectual they were—will appear much more clearly when we come to discuss the question of Chinese immigration into America.

It may not be amiss to inquire briefly what some of the causes are which have hitherto hindered a more abundant stream of population from flowing to America, whilst a vast annual expenditure is incurred by European countries in supporting their pauper population in comparative idleness. Generally speaking, those who would like to emigrate, or could be induced to do so, are unable for want of means; while those who have enough to enable them to emigrate, are apt to think they have enough to maintain them where they are. For this reason it has been found necessary to provide for paying a small bonus to the emigrant, the money, in some cases, being expended in actually paying his passage out, in others, in reimbursing him for the outlay he has incurred by paying for it himself. While the Provinces of Canada might profitably do a great deal in this way, surely it would be a much more sensible method of curing the evils of pauperism for the Imperial Government to supply those who wish to go with the necessary funds, than to expend them in keeping thousands of idlers preying on the vitals of the community. It requires no great sagacity to see that the money wisely spent by any particular Province in promoting immigration, must of necessity be restored to it by means of an increased annual subsidy from the Dominion treasury; and it is just as apparent that any Province which falls relatively behind the others in the ratio of increase, even though absolutely progressing, must suffer pecuniary loss. Neither is it difficult to see that money well spent by the Dominion Government in increasing the population of the whole of the Confederated Provinces collectively is very speedily and directly restored to the exchequer. Whether wisely or unwisely, this country has adopted the indirect mode of raising its revenue, not a single dollar being contributed to the Dominion treasury in the shape of