

*Emigration.*  
CANADA.

obtaining any additional sum that may be required from the legislature. Should the Imperial Parliament grant any further sum towards emigration, I would suggest the propriety of employing at least a portion of it as suggested by Lord Sydenham, in placing a Government agent, who should also act as medical attendant, on board each vessel containing a large number of emigrants.

During the past season great difficulty was found in procuring employment for emigrants who came here merely as labourers without any previous knowledge of agriculture or of any mechanical trade. Under ordinary circumstances the demand for unskilled labour is exceedingly small, and I should be disposed to dissuade rather than encourage the emigration of that class. But during the approaching season so many public works will I trust be in operation that there can be no fear of a want of employment for all who are able to work. I have already devoted a great deal of attention to this subject, and assuming that the loan to be guaranteed by Great Britain will be raised at an early date, I expect that in the course of the summer a considerable progress will be made in the improvements of the St. Lawrence navigation by the completion of the Cornwall Canal; the commencement of a canal between Coteau du Lac and the Cascades; the completion of the lock and dam at St. Ann's Rapids, and the widening of the Lachine Canal. The improvements on the Welland Canal are already in progress, and those in Lake St. Peter and on the Bay of Chaleurs and Gosford Roads will be commenced as soon as the season will permit. These, with the completion of the Montreal and Quebec Roads, and with the local employment which will be provided by the several district councils, will absorb all the emigrants who can be expected. It is probable also that some other of the public works, especially the erection of bridges on the main Province Road, will be completed this year. The great bulk however, of the labour required on this work, will be skilled labour, that of carpenters principally, and masons.

The emigration during the past year from this province to the United States has been comparatively small; and there seems reason to believe that it has been balanced by the immigration from the United States. Those who went from this were principally persons whose relations were settled in the United States, and who, coming out to join them, had taken the route of the St. Lawrence, on account of its superior cheapness.

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(Signed) CHARLES BAGOT.

The Right Hon. Lord Stanley,  
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