

recommend the survey of say about 5,000 acres on this tract. There are also several other tracts of good lands in this and other Counties on North Shore.

"The New Brunswick Free Grants Act of 1872" commends itself to everyone, not only the immigrants, but persons belonging to the Province, viz:—

The head of a family, having two or more children, can get 200 acres; unmarried persons, over 18 years, can get 100 acres. The conditions are—

1st.—To commence chopping and clearing in a month after approval.

2nd.—Building a house in a year fit for habitation, not less than sixteen by twenty feet, and sowing and planting three acres.

3rd.—To clear ten acres in three years, and continuously cultivate all chopped.

4th.—Actual settlement for three years, excepting the months of July, August, January, February, March, in each year, and the Government will cause roads to be made through the lands so laid off and settled.

As per above statement, we have had an actual increase in our population in the shape of intelligent, industrious, clearly and evidently a better class of immigrants than we usually see, and taken in a whole, I believe they will be a gain to the County, while they no doubt will be benefitted themselves in proportion as they are industrious, plenty evidence of which they will see for themselves, as they will fall in with those who came among us in no better circumstances (certainly not as good as offered by Local Government at present) who are now comfortable and doing well.

Our climate in winter is clear and cold, but it is to be preferred to the milder winters of the United States or Great Britain, as it has been proved to be much healthier, and, although our springs may be late, and our winter set in earlier than some other parts, yet the summer is all that can be desired. Vegetation is very rapid, and sure, and we never hear of our farmers losing their crops by frost or failure, to ripen in season.

Perhaps it would not be out of place to suggest that, as a large number of vessels come to this and other ports on the North Shore, in ballast, direct from Liverpool, Belfast, Cardiff, Bristol and Glasgow, a passage agent might be appointed in each of these places, in whose hands a small handbook with map, description of the country, &c., might be placed for distribution. I feel satisfied such action would have a beneficial effect. The cost per head to the Government of transportation would be less by these vessels, and the immigrants would land direct at the port they propose to locate, and they would arrive early in May or June of each year, in sufficient time to commence farm work, while those who intended to remain in the Towns, would arrive at the commencement of the busy season, and would get work immediately upon landing.

During the shipping season there is plenty of employment for more laborers and mechanics than we have, while on the Public Works there is at all times a scarcity of laborers; so should the immigrant, who intends to settle on a farm and make a homestead for his family, arrive too late in the season for that purpose, he can be sure of employment till another season arrives for farming.

I also think it would be advisable to authorize your agent for the North Shore to advertise that a register of application would be kept, so that upon the arrival of parties in this district they might be at once forwarded to the applicants. A large number of agriculturists, laborers, house-servants and others, might be placed by this means.

The prompt settlement of immigrants in their new homes would have the effect, no doubt, of causing them to write themselves to their friends of their bettered circumstances, thereby inducing many to immigrate who would not listen, or listen with doubts, to any other description or inducements that might be held out to them, no matter how favorable they might be.

Laborers and mechanics are in demand at all parts on the North Shore of New Brunswick, and a very large number of servant-maids would be readily engaged.

The fishing business on the North Shore gives employment to a very large number of its inhabitants, and is no mean item in our exports.

In a word, there is civil and religious liberty for all, and a good living, if not actual wealth, for the honest, industrious artisan, farmer or laborer at the North Shore of New Brunswick.

I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant,

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New Brunswick Immigration Agent for North Shore.

To HON. B. R. STEVENSON,

Surveyor General.

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