

posal of the Waste Lands of the Crown, does not feel himself authorized to alienate the large tract of twelve thousand acres without the sanction of the Government.

“ His Excellency, however, would be glad to meet the views of the Association, and to recommend their plan to the favourable consideration of the Home Government.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. LEIGH GOLDIE,

Civil Secretary.”

This application resulted in liberty being granted to settle twenty families, which formed a commencement; and the tract on Lake St. Francis, on which not a soul resided in 1840, numbered between one and two thousand in 1844, and is, I am told, rapidly increasing.

Let us suppose a Board of Colonization had been established in Quebec, and this block as well as the Lands on Lake St. Johns, at the head of the Saguenay, with a road leading thereto from the City, had been placed at their disposal, of what an incalculable advantage would it have been, not only to Quebec, but the whole Province.

I make no difference between the Emigrant or the man born in the Country; let the lands be accessible to all British subjects; and when it is remembered that with but £2,000 we opened the extent of Country alluded to, besides surveying several new Townships, it must be apparent that had sufficient encouragement been given, and had a Board been established