

No. 4.

1st.—What sums have been placed at your disposal during the past quarter for the relief of emigrants?

1,877*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, to meet the expenses of the Emigration Department from the 30th June to the 1st October.

2d.—State the description of labour which is in request in the colony?

Mechanics of all descriptions, labourers, and servants.

3d.—Would the rate of emigration of the last quarter satisfy the existing demand for labour?

The emigrants arrived during the past quarter all found immediate employment on landing, and a scarcity of labour was experienced on the public works until the winter put a check to our out-door labour in this section of the province. In Western Canada there has been little or no cessation of labour, and all disposed can find employment at a small reduction on the summer rate of wages.

4th.—State any particulars relative to emigration, the demand for labour, and the means of remunerating it, which you think may be useful?

I fully anticipate that during the ensuing season of 1854 the demand for labour and the rate of remuneration will equal, if not exceed, that of 1853. Several additional lines of railroads are being put under contract in this section of the province, which will require a large amount both of skilled and unskilled labour.

(Signed) A. C. BUCHANAN,
Chief Emigration Agent for Canada.

Emigration Department, Quebec,
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