

We place great hopes on the fact that the government have for the first time appointed a lady, Mrs. Livingstone, to go as their agent to the North of Scotland and bring out girls for the Manitoba farms. The government are going to advance the passages as loans.

The complaint is general that I have not been able to supply all applicants with servants. This complaint I feel very unreasonable, for I have never overstated or exaggerated the number of girls I expected to receive. Fifty or sixty per annum represents about the number of English speaking girls coming to Winnipeg from Europe. Some persons have even seemed to think that I make it my mission to supply all applicants with servants. Such an idea is far from my thoughts. The scarcity of domestic servants, and the unwillingness of all girls to enter service is one of the great features of the times, and this scarcity will continue till some social movement is introduced tending to make domestic service popular.

The demand for girls on the farms alone is very great. During the past year I have had to write 150 letters to farmers stating that I could not supply them with help. I do not often send girls on to farms, but considering to what an extent we are supported by the Provincial Government, I do try in a very small way to meet the demand which is continually coming to me from places outside of Winnipeg. Many of the girls that come out have borrowed loans equal to the whole of their passages from the circulating funds of English Emigration Societies. Such loans I have to collect, and when returned they are used in sending more girls out. It is unfair to speak positively from the experience of one year's work, but I have placed two girls owing large amounts on farms, and in both cases have got the money back without any difficulty whatever. It is much harder to get money out of girls placed in the city. This collecting of loans is a great trouble, but I feel it very important as it inspires the public at home with confidence in our methods and system.

I have had 170 inmates in the Home. Subjoined is a classified list. There is always a great rush for the girls on arrival, but I cannot remember more than one instance in which