

Ques. 1. Is the Immigration policy of the Government of Ontario conducted by the Department of Agriculture of which you are the head?—*Ans.* Yes!

Ques. 2. Will you favor the Committee with information in reference to the practice of the Government of Ontario, in obedience to arrangements made at a conference of delegates at Ottawa on the 30th October last?—*Ans.* The following are the most important measures which have been adopted by the Government of Ontario for the promotion of immigration, in pursuance of the arrangements made at the conference of delegates at Ottawa.

Mr. White of Hamilton has been appointed special Emigration Commissioner from Ontario to Great Britain. His instructions are to travel through the United Kingdom, and by every means in his power, to diffuse as widely as possible information in regard to the Province which he represents, and to encourage a healthy emigration thereto.

Large posters, in the English and German languages, and pamphlets, with maps, have been prepared, setting forth the advantages presented by Ontario, as a field for emigration. 12,000 posters and 20,000 pamphlets have been printed and are now being widely distributed by Mr. White in England, Ireland and Scotland, so as to diffuse, as widely as possible, the information given by them.

Circulars have been prepared, and sent to the Reeve of every Township, and the Mayor of every City and Town in the Province, numbering nearly 400, requesting information as to how many and what kind of laborers, mechanics, &c., are needed, and the average wages paid. Returns have been received from 163 of these, which are registered by the Department, and the result communicated, from time to time, to the Emigrant Agents throughout the Province, and made public through the newspapers. These 163 returns show a demand for about 15,000 laborers, 1,500 mechanics and 6,500 female servants, making a total of 23,000. Should the returns that have yet to come in show an equal demand the whole number required will be upwards of 50,000.

Besides the foregoing measures, the Ontario Government are offering, in certain districts, free grants of land to actual settlers, over 18 years of age, subject to certain conditions, as to occupation and clearing. The amount granted is 200 acres to heads of families and 100 acres to each child and other settlers over 18 years of age without distinction of sex.

In order to facilitate access to these lands and to give means of travel through the districts, the Legislature of Ontario appropriated, at its last sitting, the sum of \$50,000 for the construction of Colonization roads, and \$85,000 for Locks, and other improvements in the water communication. These works are being proceeded with as rapidly as possible, and will give employment to a considerable number of immigrant laborers. Besides the above, a further sum of \$50,000 was appropriated for surveys of free grant and mineral lands which surveys are now being made as rapidly as possible.

Ques. 3. On the arrival of the immigrant at any of the agencies of the Dominion, within the Province of Ontario, is there any provision made by the Government of Ontario, for facilitating his settlement?—*Ans.* There is! In the case of immigrants, entirely destitute, and when such relief is absolutely necessary, the Government of Ontario provides food and free passage, by Railway, from Toronto to the station nearest to the place of destination within the Province. The arrangement made is that the Dominion Government is to provide free passage to Toronto, and also, accommodation and shelter at the different cities, where their agencies are established.

It will thus be seen that the Government of Ontario is making all reasonable efforts to perform its part of the agreement entered into, and what is particularly to be desired now, is the cordial co-operation of the people of the Province themselves and that of the various municipalities.

Your Committee in reply to application made by letter to the Provincial Secretaries of Quebec and New Brunswick, respectively, have received the following replies:—

From the Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, Secretary, Province of Quebec.

TO GEO. JACKSON, ESQUIRE, M. P.,

Chairman, Committee on Immigration and Colonization.

The undersigned has much pleasure in complying with the request made to him for a statement of the measures adopted by the Quebec Government, in behalf of the settlement of the public lands and of immigration.