

jewel lent to us which we are bound to keep untarnished, remembering that we all had a common origin, have a common language, and a common faith, and are treading a path which we pray may lead to a common home, and a glorious heritage above."

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"MY DEAR WYNDHAM,

"In a former letter is recorded the result of the first year's experiment upon the Free Grant Roads, which, under the many disadvantages of a new mode of life, must be considered a great success.

"The result of the second year is still more encouraging. The number of adults on these lines now amounts to nearly 1000 persons of all nations, of whom about one-half are Irish, they are the owners of 100,000 acres of freehold land, every acre of which I verily believe will in a few years be worth twenty dollars an acre. The agents upon this road are highly respectable and trustworthy gentlemen, and they announce to the Minister of Agriculture that the valuation put by them upon the produce of this land is a very low one; that many of the settlers spent too much time in hunting and shooting; the results of which are mentioned in the following table, under the heads of 'Fur,' 'Deer,' &c. Fish, too, are omitted, although the district affords them in such quantities as to form no inconsiderable portion of the maintenance of a family, summer and winter. And yet these lands rendered to their owners produce, the money value of which is not less than \$10, (£10) an acre, upon the 4000 acres under crop last year.

"Now these free grants are situated in the same district where several

"BLOCKS OF LANDS OF 50,000 ACRES

are offered to the country gentlemen and farmers of England, at 2s. an acre cash!

"These Free Grant Roads lead to many of them, and very much enhance their value. I allude now more particularly to those announced for sale, and marked on the new map in the counties of Victoria, Peterborough and Addington.

"You will observe that these returns do not include the many useful things which the forest and lakes produce in abundance—hops, wild fruits, fish, &c.

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