

The Emigration question is one which interests not only Manitoba but the whole Dominion. Ontario, there is reason to believe, has employment for a large number of good farm labourers, if England could only spare them, which, as has just been said, is more than doubtful. But there is no employment and there are no means of subsistence here for castaways taken from the purlieus of the cities, or for any of those of whom the parish in England usually wishes to get rid. In old Canada there is, so far as can be ascertained, no demand at present for additional mechanics in any of the trades, and the Canadian artisan, though he has not a right to exclude from the labour market any who come there of their own accord, may fairly protest, as the members of the legal or medical profession would protest, against an artificial importation which deprives him of the fruits of his thrift and prevents him from improving his condition.

—It is a very small matter, yet we cannot help repeating the wish that some taste may be shown by those who name the places in the North-West. Why brand the new born with vulgarity? Indian names are often musical; old English names are pleasant; pleasant too are names pregnant with historical associations, whether political or religious, such as the Puritan names of New England. Names taken from local features are good, and good in their way are names such as Hope and Enterprise which speak of the pioneer. If the first settler wishes to give his own name to the place let him affix an English termination such as *ham*, *by*, *ton*, *borough*, *bury*, and eschew *ville*, unless he wishes to embalm his memory as that of a snob for ever. Classical names are utterly detestable: a district in the State of New York has been peppered with them by an admirer of the ancient republics, who apparently did not know that Cicero and Tully were the same man. “Regina” might just as well have been Queensborough, unless the object was to veil loyalty under the decent obscurity of a learned language. There is not much to be done in that line of propagandism. Society, as it goes west, always becomes more thoroughly democratic; and in the land of which Regina is to be the capital, to dissipate sentimental illusions, the aristocratic Land-grabber and Guinea-pig have appeared.