

Grosse Isle sick, and did not go up with the rest; but I believe he has since gone. You will oblige me by making inquiry among his fellow passengers respecting him; and should he not have gone to your part of the country, you can return me his money (2*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*) by any favourable opportunity you may find.

Among the arrivals to-day, is the brig "Indemnity," from Yarmouth, with 178 passengers, who are all going to your part of the country. The vessel proceeds, to-morrow, by steam-boat to Port St. Francis.

I remain, &c.

A. C. Webster, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

(signed)

A. C. Buchanan, jun.,
Acting Chief Agent.

Mr. Buchanan's
Answer.

Dear Sir,

Office of the British American Land Company,
Sherbrooke, 12th October 1836.

I BEG now to inclose receipts in duplicate for the several payments required to be made under the terms of your letters of the 20th May and 2d September last, many of the parties having left this place for their settlements previously to the receipt of the remittance made by the latter opportunity. I have been prevented, until now, from furnishing you with these vouchers. With the exception of Charles Baverstock, who is supposed to have remained at the quarantine station, all the persons designated have received their proportions of the fund; and I trust the receipts will be found in the correct form, and corresponding to the payments.

Letter from
Mr. Webster.

The amount payable to Baverstock is now inclosed, as desired by you.

I was gratified in being enabled to state, that persons whom you forwarded to this part of the country generally, but particularly the members of the two parties for whose benefit the remittances were made through the company's hands, have succeeded in the objects of their emigration from England. They have, without difficulty, found employment, whether as day labourers or as farm servants, on permanent engagements: in the former case, receiving not less than 4*s.* 2*d.* per day; in the latter, from 40*s.* to 60*s.* per month, with board and lodging. A large proportion, including all the families, have established themselves on the company's lands, and are now comfortably settled, with the means in their possession of supporting themselves throughout the winter, and of preparing a portion of their land (from three to six acres per family) for the reception of seed grain, pulse, roots, &c., at the proper season next year. I may mention, that the first party forwarded arrived sufficiently early to be assisted in clearing a small portion of land, and in planting it with potatoes; and these persons have now the advantage of a very tolerable crop of this valuable root, as a provision for the ensuing winter.

I am, &c.

A. C. Buchanan, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

(signed)

A. C. Webster, Sub-Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

Office of the British American Land Company,
Sherbrooke, 13th November 1836.

I HAVE great pleasure in replying to your letter of the 7th instant, and should have been glad if the means within my reach had enabled me to furnish you with statements respecting the immigration to this part of the province, during the past season, more in detail than those now supplied.

Letter from
Mr. Webster.

The number of families of settlers established on the Company's lands amounts at this time to 400, including only those who have made purchases and are actually residing on their lots. The larger portion of them are within the settlement of Victoria, occupying the township of Bury and parts of Lingwick and Hampden; the remainder are established on scattered lands throughout the country. The returns from the former settlement cannot, at the present moment, be made up, and I am consequently unable to give the exact number of the population; but having correct statements of the number of persons forwarded from hence, I can judge of the number actually settled on the lands, exclusive, of course, of all settlers not immigrants of the past year. There remains in Sherbrooke and in the neighbourhood a much larger number of immigrants, whose views have been directed to the obtaining of employment alone, and who have not been disposed to make purchase of land. There are also many persons who have left this part of the country for the present, and who will only return to it on obtaining the means to purchase lands and establish themselves independently. Taking these classes together, and considering them as permanent residents, I estimate the proportion of the immigration of the past season not secured as an increase of population as very small.

With respect to the total number of persons who have entered the Eastern Townships, I cannot confidently speak, there having been no precise means of ascertaining it. The company's agents at William Henry and Port St. Francis have kept lists of immigrants landed at these places; but as the routes from Montreal, from Quebec, from New York, from Boston and from Portland, have all been employed for the ingress of settlers, it will be perceived that no correct account of their numbers could be made up. From the returns of the company's agents, and fair estimates of the numbers received through other channels, I am