

THE DEER HUNT

The policy of assisting immigrants to this country by partially paid passages is done by some of the Australian colonies has often been debated in Canada, but our proximity to the United States has so far operated as a check to any such action on the part of the Canadian government. Besides which it is well known that the cost of passage to Canada were much cheaper than to Australia, there was not the same pressing necessity to help the poorer classes of immigrants to reach this country by giving them an assistant passage.—Considering how a primitive and voluntary institution of the kind for assisting passages is, however, we understand about to be countenanced by the government of the Dominion. The department at Ottawa has information to the effect that very considerable numbers of agricultural laborers and other descriptions of immigrants, both single men and families are desirous of coming to this country but are unable to pay the whole cost of a passage and outfit. Some of these are represented to be able to make their first year's wages pay for their friends and would do so for them. The ruling cost of a passage and outfit, say \$15 per statute dollar, it is supposed, might be advanced by employees of agricultural labor in Canada. In such case our government authorizes its agents in Canada to advance to the immigrants the necessary advance to any of the Dominion agents in Europe, who will be instructed to afford all the assistance within their power, or to any other responsible persons, who may act for the intending immigrants, but the responsibility of the Dominion government is not to be assumed, the agents guaranteeing the safe transmission of the money. This action shows that the Canadian government is willing to give every facility for the promotion of immigration in this way, and it rests with those who are in eager want of farm lands to be the first to avail themselves of the manner proposed and so secure a laborer—now a day's price amid the general scarcity. We should be glad to find this plan extensively tried in the coming season and to hear of it doing good to the benefit of the immigrants as well as a strong encouragement to adopt the Australian plan of granting assisted passages to all desirable classes of laborers and artisans.—*News.*

Official raceability is being laid bare at New York, Chicago, London, and Albany, and the American papers team with the accounts of frauds perpetrated by officers, contractors and others. The examination into the New York custom house recalls a system of peulation carried on in all departments and by all means, and the result is a \$30,000,000 distributed amongst them. The corruption of the New York State legislature has long been notorious, but these new developments has created a great sensation. The only hope of cure for the corruption of the American people is to have an official life line in the energy with which these peddles will be being found out and exposed. Where so much rotteness is laid bare, and so strong a proffered of the necessity for improvement in official morality, it should not be beyond the power of the American character of the Americans people to supply a remedy to so glaring a defect in their practical system.—*News.*

It was a shrewd thing on the part of the Mormon people to give women the right of suffrage. At the recent general election the Mormons carried all before them through the aid of the women. The Elders of the Church, the Twelve Apostles, the dignitaries fast with tithings, and the sincere believers in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, to the polls followed by patriarchal houses.

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