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2459. Can you form any opinion as to the number of men who could find employment in that province as labourers, if they were to go out?—I should say any number, with reference to the quantity of unlocated land.

2460. Do you think a thousand could find employment as mere labourers?—Yes, or a greater number.

2461. You have stated in a former part of your evidence, that it would be necessary to employ a hired labourer at the beginning of the settlement; supposing an emigration of agricultural labourers from England, or persons moderately skilled in agricultural labour, to be furnished with a year or a year and a half's provisions, do you think that though not skilled in the use of the axe, they would be able to maintain themselves after the expiration of that period?—I think that if government were to give them two years provisions, they would be able to do it after that on their own land.

2462. When you stated that settlers would be able at the end of five years to pay 3*l.* for their allotments, did you contemplate the sort of settlers who have gone there hitherto?—I speak particularly of Scotch settlers, who are the best and most industrious.

2463. Do you contemplate persons who have no capital, or persons who have a capital?—Persons who have no capital, or very little, as I have already stated.

2464. Is it your opinion that if three thousand paupers were sent out well provided, and were tolerably skilled in ordinary agricultural labour, they would be enabled at the end of five years to pay 3*l.* a year for their land?—Yes; when I say they have no capital, I suppose them to be supplied for two years with provisions, that government put them down under that supposition; I have no doubt they would be enabled, at the expiration of that period, to pay 3*l.*

2465. What would be the value of those two years provisions for a man, his wife, and three children?—Twelve or fourteen pounds a year; and they will require seeds and implements of husbandry.

2466. Do you conceive there would be greater facility in emigrants from Nova Scotia going to the United States, than from Canada?—The facilities are quite numerous enough in Nova Scotia; I have never been in Canada.

2467. Do you think that a great number of emigrants who have gone to Nova Scotia, have gone over to the United States?—The greater number have gone.

2468. When you speak of emigrants, you do not mean those who have been settled on lands in Nova Scotia?—No, I mean the emigrant who has been landed there, and felt his way afterwards to the United States soon after his landing.

2469. That observation would not apply to any class of emigrants settled on land, leaving that to go to the United States?—No, I think certainly not.