

"To afford some idea of the rapidity with which a new settlement will advance under proper management, it is only necessary to state, that the writer of this tract having been entrusted by his Majesty's government with the location and general superintendence of those extensive districts on the shores of Lake Erie, which at present bear the name of the Talbot Settlement, has, by his exertions in opening roads at convenient distances, aided by the peculiar advantages to the soil and climate, collected around him a population of twelve thousand souls at the least, in the short space of ten years. The generality of these settlers, on their arrival in the province, were persons of the very poorest description; whereas they may be now said to form as independent, as contented, and as happy a body of yeomanry as any in the world.

"This, too, has been accomplished in a situation which, little more than ten years ago, appeared an impenetrable wilderness, and was above one hundred miles removed from all human intercourse."

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QUERIES.

HAS the improvement of Canada, particularly of the Upper Province, with respect to the value of property and the increase of population, been in any degree considerable within the last seven years?

To what extent may emigration have been carried during the last seven years?

ANSWERS.

THE population has increased prodigiously during the last seven years, but the emigrants have been chiefly persons of little or no property, with the exception of half-pay officers, who are entitled to gratuitous grants.

Lands in Canada, being in some degree a circulating medium, are estimated in the market high or low, in proportion to the value of their produce, the lowness of which, for several years back, has caused much distress to many who were not provident when it was high; consequently persons forced to sell, have seldom got the value of their property, sometimes not half the value, but those who are not in distress, will not dispose of their property at an under price.

The average number of emigrants who have landed at Quebec during this period, may be taken at upwards of 10,000 annually.

In one year more than three thousand orders