

R E P O R T .

The Select Committee appointed to Inquire into the Causes and Importance of the EMIGRATION which takes place annually from Lower Canada to the United States; the Class, and if possible, the Number of Persons who have Emigrated during the last five years; the Fate of the Individuals and Families who have Emigrated; and the best means to prevent that Emigration for the future---have the honor to Report:---

Your Committee, while occupied in considering the important Questions submitted to their examination by Your Honourable House, were disturbed and retarded by the painful events of the twenty-fifth of April last; and the mass of interesting evidence collected by Your Committee, shared the fate of all the other public documents contained in the Parliament Buildings.

Your Committee have procured, however, thanks to the good will of some of the parties to whom they applied, other copies of their answers to the Questions submitted to them by Your Committee; and although they regret that it is not in their power to submit to Your Honourable House and to the Country, all the information and all the suggestions which had been originally transmitted to them; Your Committee have, nevertheless, the satisfaction of presenting to Your Honourable House, annexed to this Report, a still sufficiently voluminous Appendix, worthy of the most serious attention of the Government and of the Legislature.

It is a painful task for Your Committee to have to inform Your Honourable House, that the emigration of Her Majesty's Subjects in this Province, to places out of Her Majesty's dominions, is much more considerable than was generally believed, and threatens to become a real calamity for Lower Canada.