

We have no desire to enter upon a discussion of the management of the Crown Land's Department, nor of that of the Bureau of Agriculture, as we are fully convinced, that the faithful discharge of the routine business of these offices, is not sufficient to secure the end we have in view. We believe that unless some broad and comprehensive measure is speedily adopted, the large stream of European emigration will continue to flow towards the Western States.

The obstacles which present themselves to the settlement of the Canadian forests, are, we believe, entirely susceptible of removal. These obstacles, we need hardly say are the absence of roads, and the greater amount of labour required to bring timbered land under cultivation. The emigrant may indeed be told, that the timber will pay for clearing the land, and that may be true when the country is settled, and the land partially cleared, but to the European settler with limited means, and still more limited experience in felling timber, there is no comparison between the waving prairies of the West, and the heavy timbered lands of Upper as well as of Lower Canada. The trials of the pioneers of civilization, in the depths of the Canadian forests have long been recounted to the "rising generation," around the winter fire, and, inspired with a horror of the sad sufferings of their parents, many of our young men have not only left the paternal home, but also the land of their birth, to seek in the far West, a home, where twenty years of unceasing toil are not required to bring the land under cultivation.

To this, we believe, must be mainly ascribed not only the flow of foreign emigration westward, but also the loss of our own native population. Another cause of the loss of our population, as well as of the diversion of emigrants is the greater scarcity of employment in our new settlements, where, owing to the poverty of the people, little hired labour is employed. We have already expressed the opinion that the removal of these obstacles is entirely within our reach, and would now simply indicate the course to be pursued for the accomplishment of that object.

Let the Government set apart 2,000,000 acres of the most fertile lands in the Province for settlement, and let them issue, on the security of these lands and of the Government, Sterling Debentures to the extent of £1,000,000, bearing five per cent interest, and payable in ten years. Let contracts then be entered into for clearing from ten to twenty acres of each hundred acres of good land, and for erecting a log house and barn thereon, — the whole outlay not to exceed \$200 per lot. Let the lots thus cleared be sold on ten years' credit, for from \$300 to \$500, at a yearly charge for interest of \$20, or five