

at proper hours ; that no person, without a license, shall influence passengers in favour of any particular steamboat, railroad, or tavern ; that tavern-keepers shall have posted, in some conspicuous place, a list of prices to be charged for board, lodging, &c., and they will not be allowed to have any lien upon the effects of a passenger, for board and lodging, beyond five dollars—about one pound sterling.

The personal effects of emigrants are not liable to duty.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF AGENT FOR EMIGRATION, ON THE DEMAND  
FOR LABOUR.

GOVERNMENT EMIGRATION OFFICE,

Quebec, 14th December, 1860.

"SIR,—With reference to the demand for labour and the prospect which Canada offers as a home for the industrial classes of Great Britain in the approaching season of 1861, I have to state that the circumstances which called forth my remarks at the close of last season continue without much change. The country still holds out no encouragement to persons seeking situations as clerks ; nor do I think the amount of employment, or the remuneration generally offered to mechanics, likely for some time to benefit that class of our emigrants, unless they should desire to establish themselves in our rising towns and villages, many good openings for which occur throughout our rural districts.

"The general prospects of the province have greatly improved during the past year ; and our farmers, who are now realizing the benefit of the most abundant harvest they have had for years, will be able to afford increased employment to agricultural labourers—men who can plough, mow, and reap, and who understand draining—to which class of labourers chiefly does this country at present offer the certainty of steady employment.

"The class of people whom we want, and who cannot fail to do well, are those who, having a small amount of capital, are prepared to purchase and settle on our lands, and make homes for themselves in the forest, as the inhabitants of this free and fertile land have done before them. The hardships to be encountered now are less than they were 25 years ago, when a few thousand people were scattered over a long frontier of country.

"Mr. Hawke, the chief agent in Western Canada, wrote me on 28th November, that the prospects there are greatly improved ; and it is known that there are large quantities of farm produce yet to be brought to market, all of which is in demand at fair prices. Business is expanding, and consequently the demand for skilled and unskilled