

MR. SHIRREFF'S REPORT.

CHATHAM, New Brunswick.

North Shore Immigration Agency.

6th December, 1873.

SIR —

I have the honor of inclosing my Report, and account for year 1873, which I hope you will find correct and satisfactory.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) A. D. SHIRREFF,

Immigration Agent.

To HON. B. R. STEVENSON,

Surveyor General,

Fredericton, N. B.

IMMIGRATION FOR 1873.

Immigrants arrived during the year,	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
Do. sent to other Agencies,	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Do. remaining within the limits of this Agency,	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
Natives of Scotland,	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Do. of England	.....	.....	.....	.....	49
Males,	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Females,	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Children 1 to 12 years,	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Boy 15 years,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
					57

OCCUPATIONS.

Farmers,	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Bakers,	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Macmillists,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Laborers,	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Painter,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Tailor,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Carpenter,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Hofster,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
					17

Disbursed at this Agency, for transport, maintenance, &c., of Immigrants during the past season of 1873.

By Transport,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Maintenance, &c., }	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
					\$384 48

All these immigrants arrived by steamers, via Halifax. I proceeded to Pains Junction, and took charge of them there, and brought to Chatham, by Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamship Co. Steamers, which I may here mention have first class cabin, and steerage accommodation.

A large number of Railway laborers, and mechanics have arrived in Miramichi the past two years, but as they nearly all came from Cape Breton, I. E. Island, and other parts of the Dominion, and not as immigrants, and not coming through this Agency, or under any notice in any way, I do not consider them as immigrants, but only removing from one portion of the Dominion to another.

One great difficulty I experienced was in getting house accommodation, and if Government survey tracts of land in this County, I would recommend the building of several tenement houses, such as are built on immigration tracts in Restigouche.

A large portion of the 5000 acres surveyed on line of Intercolonial R. R., 6 miles north from Newcastle is yet unsurveyed. There are two very desirable tracts of good mixed hardwood lands in this County not yet surveyed for Immigration, viz:—

Between Bartholomew's River, near McLaggan's, and Dungarvon River. This tract contains about 10,000 acres, and there is now an excellent wagon road through from river to river. The other tract is between Barnaby's River and Bay du Vin River—commencing on the line of Intercolonial Railway, about 12 miles from bridge, on South side Miramichi River—and extending East and West railway. This tract contains also about 10,000 acres of excellent land. I would