

that a large emigration from Europe to these shores will take place in the coming spring, and that great efforts were being put forth by the Government to meet it. For many years past the papers published during the winter months have had this announcement. The following autumn has proved its falsity. We have had in 1891 an abundant harvest, for, notwithstanding that frost injured the wheat in many places, it took many months to ship our surplus grain out of the province; and this is largely due to the scarcity of labour in the harvest season, and the limited facility afforded to the farmers for threshing it. With a railway so interested in developing the resources of this country, and so alive to these interests as the Canadian Pacific Railway directors are, would it not be well until the knotty problem of scarce labour is solved, for the Canadian Pacific Railway to make some arrangement by which the Irish and Scotch peasants who are in the habit of emigrating to England in the harvest time could be induced to extend their journey across the Atlantic, arriving here the latter end of June. Thousands of labourers can get four months' work at \$30 a month, earning in the aggregate something over £30, which, after deducting the price of their passage to and from at a reduced fare, would leave a larger balance than they carry home after the English harvest. Many would no doubt elect to stay here, and those who returned would be walking advertisements of the country, and would unquestionably be the means of inducing thousands to come and cast their lot on