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equity. On the whole, we are disposed to give up this idea, as not admitting of being carried into effect successfully.

But we see no reason why the Emigrant tax in both Provinces should not be raised to two dollars, which would increase the available funds for relief, without making that difference which would do more than exclude the most indigent and worst provided class.

And beyond this it may be a question, whether, in order to give the ship-owner an interest in taking over the people in good health, and to render the vessel liable for part of the burthen which sickness casts upon the public, the Governor may not be usefully empowered by the Provincial Legislature to exact an extra tax, if the vessel requires to be put into Quarantine. The rule might be, that if placed in Quarantine for any other purpose than merely cleaning or observation, the Governor should have discretionary power to require payment of double tax, for which the ship-owner should be liable, and if detained more than eight or ten days, (as may be thought fit,) to impose payment of treble tax.

We have, &c.

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F. ROGERS.

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(Enclosure, No. 1.)

MORTALITY IN CANADA EMIGRATION.

Year.	Number Em- barked.	Number of Deaths.			Average per Cent.	
		On Voyage.	In Qua- rantine.	Total.	Including Quarant.	Excluding Quarant.
1841	28,280	156	38	194	69	55
1842	44,092	264	54	318	71	59
1843	21,807	54	26	80	37	25
1844	20,245	86	17	103	51	42
1845	25,515	111	29	140	55	43
1846	33,025	204	68	272	82	62
Totals	173,564	875	333	1107		

AVERAGE OF THE SIX YEARS.

Deaths on the voyage 0.5 per cent.
Deaths in Quarantine 0.13 per cent

0.63 { per cent on
number embarked.

(Enclosure, No. 2.)

Remarks on the Means of Employment found by Immigrants into Canada, since 1842 inclusive, collected from the Agents' Reports, as summed up in the Commissioners' Annual Reports.

IMMIGRATION OF 1842.

Although the Emigration to Canada during the year 1842 exceeded that of the previous year by no less than 16,288 souls, there is reason to believe that few of the industriously disposed remained at the close of the year without employment. The number in the two years were as follows:

1841 28,086
1842 44,374

IMMIGRATION OF 1843.

This year the Immigration was 21,727. It was as fortunate as remarkable a feature in the Immigration of last year, that a very large proportion, about three-fourths of the whole, came out to their friends and relations; and it is gratifying to perceive, from Mr. Buchanan's Annual Report, that there was no extensive distress among the Immigrants.

IMMIGRATION OF 1844.

This year the Immigration was 20,142. It is satisfactory to observe, that none of the industriously disposed have remained unprovided with work; at the same time provisions and necessaries of all kinds are reported to be plentiful.

The agent points out the advantages to the Immigrants on their arriving early in the year.

IMMIGRATION OF 1845.

The number of Immigrants was 25,375. Several of them were possessed of moderate capital, and proceeded at once to purchase partially improved properties, or to enter into trade. A larger portion were small farmers, with sufficient means to enable them to establish themselves advantageously on wild lands, but the great bulk were agricultural labourers, many of whom had nothing even for their immediate support. The means of employment in 1845 are described by Mr. Buchanan as very abundant.

IMMIGRATION OF 1846.

The numbers this year were much larger than in any preceding year since 1842; they amounted to 32,153. Yet the first part of Mr. Buchanan's Report, headed "Prospects for 1847," states, that "there is little, if any, distress among the Emigrants of the last year," and shows his confidence in the field which is open to enterprise and industry. He concludes by repeating Mr. Hawke's remark, that the Province is capable of sustaining in comfort a large annual accession of labourers, provided they be transported to the places where their services are required.

No. 147.

DOWNING STREET,
20th Dec., 1847.

My Lord,

With reference to the communications from your Lordship, containing certain complaints respecting the manner in which Emigrants had arrived from the Estates respectively of the Honorable C. Wandersford and of the Earl of Darnley, I have the honour to acquaint you that I thought it proper to cause those complaints to be communicated to the proprietors concerned; and I now enclose Copies of such answers as have been received.

Some of the Reports from Canada have also alluded to some of the Emigrants from Lord Palmerston's Irish Estates, I take the same opportunity of forwarding to you the Copy of a Dispatch and its Enclosures, which I have had occasion to send to

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