

The orphan girls I have placed in respectable situations in this city; those from the Unions have proceeded, a few to their friends in the United States, but the greater part have been forwarded to Bytown, Belleville, and Port Hope, where there was every prospect of their meeting with employment. Among the party from the Cork Union 14 were landed at Grosse Isle, suffering from severe attacks of ophthalmia; 2 of the cases it is feared will lose their eye-sight, and they will, consequently, be bonded under the Provincial Passenger Act.

On board the "Enterprise," from Dublin, and the "Oregon," from Liverpool, there was a party of German paupers. In the former vessel 191, in the latter 150; total 106 men, 75 women, and 160 children. These parties were sent out from the village of Amtshorst, in the Duchy of Baden; the expense being made up, one half by the Duchy, and the other by the inhabitants of the village. They received a free passage to this port, and ten guilders each on landing here to meet their immediate necessity.

They are chiefly laborers and a few trades, tailors and shoemakers, but owing to the late period in the season of their arrival there was but little prospect of their procuring suitable employment in this district. They were forwarded up the country; the first party to Bytown and Bay of Quinté; there some influential gentleman had offered to procure them employment; and the party by the "Oregon" were sent to the Public Works near Williamsburg, where they would be likely to secure permanent employment during the winter.

This opening has proved very fortunate, as with so many women and children depending on them, and being unacquainted with our language, they would have been exposed to much suffering and hardship during the approaching winter.

Had these parties been sent out here at proper seasons, say in the month of May or June, in place of October, their arrival would have been hailed with satisfaction, and they might have calculated on successfully establishing themselves in such a manner as to have secured their families against the fear of want during the winter.

From appearances, I am disposed to look for a considerable increase in this class of our foreign emigration in future years, and unless they are sent out in proper season it may be found necessary to impose an additional tax on emigrants arriving after a certain date, in order to provide a fund to meet the expenses which the country may be subject to on their account.

The proportion of females and children by the several vessels in this return are unusually large, the women and children being considerably over 2 to 1 of the male adults; the claims on the Department for assistance have, consequently, been heavy.

The Navigation closed on the 1st December.

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