

SCARCITY OF DOMESTIC SERVANTS.
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The numerous advertisements for general servant girls, nurses, and cooks, which appear day after day in the journals of the Province, show that, notwithstanding the efforts of Miss Rye and others to induce a large emigration hitherto of female "help," the demand still far exceeds the supply. A few years ago domestic servants could be engaged at a moderate of wages—say from three to five dollars a month—but now it is a difficult matter to procure the services of such at nearly double these rates. There are two principal causes, which have led to this state of affairs—one is the evident distaste which the large majority of our native young women have to perform what is looked upon as menial labour; and the other is the increased demand of late for female operatives in various branches of manufactures. The inducements held forth by the large manufacturing establishments, though by no means very active so far as comfort are concerned, are yet sufficient to attract so many young women in humble circumstances that, as a natural consequence, the ranks from which domestic servants are recruited are thinned to an appreciable extent. A foolish pride has grown up among this class which has the effect of inducing them to prefer poor wages and monotonous labour to better pay and the comforts of a home. The remedy for this state of affairs lies in adopting means to bring to Canada some of the thousands of young women in all parts of the old country accustomed to house-work, who would be only too glad to emigrate if they but knew of the superior advantages they would secure by doing so. From some cause or other the very classes of immigrants needed here above all others do not come in anything like sufficient numbers. Hundreds of clerks, men with little means and no definite occupations, with a large sprinkling of persons, both male and female, who have "seen better days," and wish to preserve their "gentility," have arrived on our shores; but there has been a sad lack of farm labourers and domestic servants. Increased efforts should be made to induce these latter classes to make Canada their home, and there would be no difficulty in doing so were the proper means adopted.

you and also to Johnny and Minnie.—Your affectionate Son,
all the young men thinking of leaving home I would advise them to come here and we will find them all work as soon as they arrive. I can tell them where to go. I have little more to say. Anne and