

Since the above Report was sent in, I opened communications with a gentleman connected with the German press, who takes a deep interest in Canada, and who has published a long and important article descriptive of the resources of the various provinces. I have also, by your directions, forwarded him an invitation to visit Canada, and to judge for himself of its capacities as an agricultural country. As this gentleman is a scientific agriculturalist of some position in Germany, this visit can hardly fail to be productive of good. The large number of Germans, who are still in Ontario and other parts of Canada, will, no doubt, take an interest in this movement, and the fact of their success, and of the information which they are constantly sending to their native country, cannot fail to produce a deep impression in Germany, where, however, the attitude of the Government is still as hostile to emigration as ever.

In Bohemia and the Tyrol, and even in Styria and in the north of Italy, the prospects of obtaining good emigrants are favourable, and it only requires that good Agents should be placed in Switzerland, and that the Government should be a little generous in its expenditure, to excite a steady flow of emigration from these quarters.

The reports of the various Agents are herewith sent. They have all laboured with diligence, and their relations to me have been of the kindest character.

The general emigration of the year has fallen off, particularly to North America. Canada naturally shared with the United States in the effects of the reaction caused by the financial crisis in that country. The Australian Colonies have been exhibiting during the year, and are still exhibiting, the utmost vigour in maintaining their emigration policy, and their lavish expenditure upon Agencies, and liberal assistance for passages, has made it difficult for the Canadian Agents to hold their own. Considering, however, the small aid afforded, and the cloud which during the summer overshadowed the Western horizon, it is gratifying to observe that we have been able to do more than maintain our position, and I may say that, in comparison with other Agencies, we have done it with unparalleled economy.

I am happy to state that, notwithstanding the great falling off in the general emigration from Great Britain and the Continent during the year, the number of those who have passed through this Agency has increased; incontestibly proving the great advantage of the im-