

The business transacted in the Agency during the year has been very considerable. The number of letters received was 7,642; the number of letters sent out was 6,908; apart from circulars, &c.

Enquiries for pamphlets and other information were very numerous, giving the most satisfactory evidence of the fact that information about Canada is spreading amongst the people, and that the interest in the Dominion as a field for emigration and the investment of money is steadily growing.

Early in the season I projected a series of large meetings in some of the principal towns of the kingdom, at which I intended chiefly to utilize the valuable services of Dr. Taylor. Three were arranged for; one at Manchester, one at Birmingham, and one at Bristol. I personally attended the meetings at Bristol and Manchester, and at each place immense numbers assembled, and were addressed by Dr. Taylor and myself. At Manchester, Mr. Joseph Arch also attended, and was very cordial in his advocacy of Canada. I had previously, at the invitation of the Reform Club at Manchester, read before an assembly consisting of some of its leading merchants, an essay on "The Great Dominion," which was afterwards published—though not at the expense of the Government—and it is now in continual demand. A meeting was arranged at Birmingham; but, unfortunately, I was confined to my bed, and as it was deemed essential by the local agents that I should be present at such a meeting, it was necessary to abandon it.

In connection with this subject, I ought to allude to another circumstance, which brought the resources and condition of Canada prominently into discussion. The arrival of Sir Hugh Allan in London for the purpose of making financial arrangements for the Northern Colonization Railway, was made the opportunity of a very virulent attack upon Canada, her Government, and her finances. This attack having been repeated, I deemed it to be my duty to enter into the discussion, and wrote two letters, which were published in the *Times*, and for which favourable acknowledgement was rendered by the press of Canada without regard to party.

The Continental emigration of the year was most unsatisfactory, and you will observe that there is very little of consequence in the Reports of the Continental Agents. Mr. de Cazes, in Paris, has done all that he could do to keep Canada before the French by writing articles in newspapers; and this is about the extent of the business which it is possible for any Canadian Agent to perform in