

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 18,288 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 enterprize 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.