

on arrival they were forwarded to where suitable employment offered. 18 families proceeded to Sherbrooke, and 57 to Hamilton. The expense of their transport, amounting to 298*l*. 6*s*. 3*d*. currency, was defrayed by Sir James Matheson. They were also allowed on leaving the vessel a week's rations.

The remainder, 153 persons, were assisted to emigrate by their respective landlords; they were provided with a free passage to Montreal, and received 20*s*. sterling each, paid previous to embarkation.

The number aided in their emigration from Ireland was 3,350 persons, being a decrease of 2,621 of the same class in 1851. Of this number 2,403 were sent out by various unions, and 937 by their landlords. Of this number 2,454 received a gratuity on landing, 2,179 of whom were paid their money through this department, amounting to 1,704*l*. 7*s*. 6*d*. sterling, and 275 were paid through other agents 138*l*. 0*s*. 1*d*.

234 paupers from the Carlow Union were paid their money on embarkation, and 662 do not appear to have received anything beyond a free passage. The majority of those sent out by the Poor Law Unions and by their landlords were from the counties of Limerick, Tipperary, and Waterford.

The following return will show the proportion of males, females, and children sent out by each union, with the amount of assistance allowed them on landing here:—

Name of Union.	Males.	Females.	Children.	Total.	Amount Sterling.		
					£	s.	d.
Nenagh - - -	63	258	66	387	251	8	0
Newcastle - - -	29	393	139	561	431	0	0
Kiladysart - - -	9	140	—	149	112	5	0
Rathkeale - - -	28	130	67	225	212	0	0
Croom - - -	14	130	58	202	172	10	0
Kilrush - - -	5	34	—	39	28	12	6
Roscommon - - -	—	84	—	84	84	0	0
Strokestown - - -	1	55	—	56	56	0	0
Ennistymore - - -	—	12	—	12	7	10	0
Dunfurnagh - - -	3	6	12	21	7	7	0
Derry - - -	4	17	12	33	17	0	0
Killflyn - - -	5	10	17	32	20	15	0
Rathdrum - - -	31	94	56	181	124	0	0
Baltinglass - - -	29	122	46	197	180	0	0
Carlow - - -	68	108	58	234	—	—	—
Landlords - - -	56	124	95	275	138	0	1
Ditto - - -	164	226	272	662	—	—	—
Unions in England - - -	177	143	228	548	387	8	8
Landlords, Scotland - - -	192	177	237	606	298	6	3
Continent - - -	45	37	90	172	72	12	0
Ditto - - -	22	2	6	30	—	—	—
	945	2,302	1,459	4,706	2,600	14	6

This table shows a large preponderance in the females and children over the male adults, arising from the emigrants sent from the Irish unions being principally female adults. This is a class of emigrant much needed in this colony, owing to the difficulty of obtaining female domestic servants throughout the country; a difficulty which is annually increasing.

The number sent out by the Irish unions, and consigned to the special care of this department, were as follows:—

161 male adults.
1,269 female adults.
371 children under 14 years.

It affords me much satisfaction to be able to offer my testimony as to their orderly and correct conduct, both during their passage, as testified by the several masters of the vessels in whose charge they were placed, as well as after their arrival in this country, and which I have had occasion from time to time to allude to in the notes appended to my semi-monthly reports, copies of which will be found in the Appendix.

I would also beg to refer your Excellency to the correspondence which this department has had with Mr. Duncan, Poor Law Inspector, Newcastle Union, and with Mr. O'Brien, Inspector of the Roscommon Union, which will be seen in the Appendix. As this correspondence bears exclusively on this class of our emigration, and enters fully into the details of their reception and disposal, I have considered it of sufficient importance to add it as an accompaniment to this report; and I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the satisfaction it has afforded me to find the recommendations I deemed it my duty to offer were so promptly acceded to.

A party of foreign paupers, 172 souls, chiefly females and children, were sent out by the Bavarian Government. They were from Otterstadt near Seyer. A remittance was made to a commercial firm in this city for their benefit on arrival, amounting to 8*s*. 6*d*. currency