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Despatches from Governor General the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of ELGIN to the Right Hon. Sir JOHN S. PAKINGTON Bart.

(No. 62.)

Government House, Quebec, July 29, 1852.

(Received August 17, 1852.)

(Answered, No. 60, September 8, 1852, page 31.)

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith, for your information, copies of letters from the chief agents of emigration for Upper and Lower Canada, having reference to the demand for labour which now exists throughout the province.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Sir John S. Pakington, Bart.,
&c. &c. &c.

24th July.

28th July.

Enclosure 1. in No. 1.

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SIR,

Emigration Department, Quebec, July 28, 1852.

I HAVE the honour to enclose you copy of a letter received from Mr. Hawke, dated Toronto, 24th instant, in which he reports favourably of the emigration proceeding to that quarter, and of the increased demand which exists throughout the country for labourers.

I am happy in being able to report that there are no unemployed emigrants at this or the Montreal agency. I shall cause the information contained in Mr. Hawke's letter to be extensively circulated among the emigrants on arrival.

Of the emigrant ships reported to this department, twenty vessels, 4,500 passengers, are yet to arrive.

I have, &c.

The Hon. A. N. Morin,
Provincial Secretary.

(Signed) A. C. BUCHANAN,
Chief Agent.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

Encl. 2 in No. 2.

MY DEAR SIR,

Emigrant Office, Toronto, July 24, 1852.

ALTHOUGH we are daily receiving considerable numbers of emigrants both from your section of the province, and Rochester, we do not get enough to supply the demand.

I have notices from the contractors on the Niagara, Hamilton, and Windsor Railroad, offering 5s. currency per day for labourers. The farmers anticipate difficulty in securing their crops, and the offices here and at Kingston are almost besieged by them in search of hands. I was at Kingston on the 21st instant, and sent several large families (whom the farmers would not employ, because they could not find houses for them,) to Cobourg and Port Hope, where they all got work. If there are any idlers at Quebec or Montreal, urge them to proceed upwards at once.

For many years I have never known a period when the demand for skilled and unskilled labour was so universal, and so well remunerated.

So far, too, the season has been remarkably healthy. There were only five emigrants in hospital at Kingston, and a few days since we had only seven at this place.

I am, &c.

A. C. Buchanan,
Chief Emigrant Agent.

(Signed) A. B. HAWKE,
Chief Emigration Agent, U. C.

No. 2.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of ELGIN to the Right Hon. Sir JOHN S. PAKINGTON Bart.

(No. 75.)

Government House, Quebec, August 24, 1852.

(Received September 13, 1852.)

SIR,

(Answered, No. 70, October 5, 1852, page 32.)

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith the copy of a minute of the Executive Council of the province on the complaint of Messrs. Harvey and Co., of Liverpool, transmitted in your Despatch No. 42*, of the 30th of June.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Sir John S. Pakington, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

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