

becoming more limited to the number qualified and capable; for labour is not only a surplus but a drug in the market. Surveying the field of agriculture, he beholds every acre claimed and occupied, and irrevocably beyond his reach; there is no elbow room; he longs for independence, for an opportunity of obtaining a competence; he would labour honestly and earnestly to effect his object, but there is no opportunity, and he is not agrarian. All openings by which he might advance his condition are closed, all prospect of relief from the incubus that weighs heavily upon him seems to have vanished. Perhaps a family is looking to him as their protector, and the agent to supply their daily wants; his sons are fast approaching manhood's estate; they are strong, vigorous, and willing, but the prizes of employment are limited. Under such unfavourable omens, is it surprising if he should gladly seize upon any fortuitous circumstance, or any practical means of bettering his condition? He has battled long and bravely against adverse circumstances at home; he has calmly and philosophically met and endured all the calamities which Fortune has thrust in his path; but, when at last his conviction has forced him to believe that the future prospect in store for him seemed ominous enough, his mental eye could perceive no way out of the dark labyrinthian wilderness of his travels, no coming brightness of success seemed ready to cheer the dark despair and gloomy surroundings that oppressed him. Is it to be wondered at, we ask, if he finally decides to venture forth into the broad world of chance, determines to cease a hopeless conflict, and resolves to erect the altar of his love—his home—in a new land, and a new clime, where the soil awaits his coming, and only needs his helping hand to provide him at once with the necessities of life, and perhaps very soon with comforts, luxury, and opulence, with the sweet attendants of peace of mind, a happy present, and the prospects of a splendid future? To such as these this pamphlet is addressed.

A residence of nearly a quarter of a century in the United States and British Provinces, with, perhaps, more than ordinary advantages afforded us by association with their public men, together with constant and extensive travel through every portion of that wonderful continent, close students and observers of the growth and unexampled development of her resources (which find no parallel in the history of any nation, ancient or modern), a knowledge of her rich and varied productions, and a continued social relationship during half a lifetime—these opportunities may, perhaps, enable us to elucidate the superior claims which that continent possesses for the careful study and consideration of the emigrant who proposes to select a new field for labour, and a home and country for himself, his family, and his descendants.

We are all aware that the subject of emigration has long attracted the attention, not only of Governments, but of societies and individuals. Various and intricate projects have been conceived;