

From the return of the arrival of foreign emigrants at the port of New York, I find that they show an increase of 6,109 over that of 1855. The total number being 142,342, against 136,233 in 1855. Of this number, 74,162 came from the United Kingdom, viz., England, 25,163; Ireland, 44,276; Scotland, 4,723; giving an increase of 2,823 over that of 1855.

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Arrivals at New York.

On a review of the emigration of the past season, it will, on the whole, be considered very satisfactory. The emigrants were uniformly healthy, and landed free from complaint. A large proportion of the English and Scotch were farmers and mechanics; the former were generally in comfortable circumstances. The amount of capital brought into the country has been large; but there exists no means of ascertaining the exact amount. I am however aware, that considerable sums have been paid to different individuals, who brought out drafts; but this would only represent a small portion, as the greater number usually prefer to bring it out in gold. The amount paid the Norwegian emigrants in this city, from actual returns received, was upwards of 75,000 dollars. A large number of the Germans were in the possession of a very considerable amount of money, and from the various sources from which I have been able to obtain information, it is estimated at not less than 250,000 dollars.

Review of season.

Capital brought out.

The disbanded soldiers of the British Foreign Legion received from the Commissariat, on landing here, their arrears of pay and gratuity, amounting to upwards of 12,000 £., and to this must be added the amount brought by the emigrants from the United Kingdom, which may be estimated at 50,000 £.; consequently the capital brought into the country by the emigration of the past season may be fairly estimated at not less than 140,000 £. The amount paid for their inland transit, to our steamboat proprietors and railway companies, has not been less than 20,000 £., and if the cost of provisions and other necessities on the route be stated at the low estimate of 5s. each, it will bring their entire expenditure, before reaching their respective destinations, to 26,000 £. It would however appear that but few of the emigrants of the past season have emigrated without having in view a fixed destination, and I have never known in any previous season so small a number of emigrants in search of employment, thus presenting a marked contrast to the emigration of former years. They all appeared to have emigrated on the recommendation of, and in many cases through the pecuniary assistance which they received from their friends in this country.

The demand and inquiry for labour in Western Canada, throughout the season, has been considerably in advance of the supply, and continued applications were received from almost every section of the province, complaining of the scarcity of labour, and the difficulty, as well as impossibility of procuring domestic servants, and requesting that emigrants might be directed to them. This it was found impossible to accomplish, for the reasons previously stated, viz., that all those suitable for such purposes had already their destination fixed; and if they delayed it arose solely from want of means to carry them forward, in which case they would merely accept employment until they had acquired a sufficient sum to enable them to carry their original intention into effect.

Demand for labour.

This state of things is very gratifying, and it is moreover satisfactory to know, that from accounts recently received from the several agencies, no cases of distress or destitution have been reported among the emigration of the past season.

The number of letters for emigrants addressed to this agency during the season was 213, 99 of which contained remittances amounting to 268 £. 0s. 4d., all of which were delivered and the amount paid over to the parties.

Emigrant letters; money.

With reference to the prospects of the year 1857, I am happy to observe, that the reports from all quarters, would indicate a general growing prosperity, and active business employment, both as regards commerce and agriculture. An interest is now being felt throughout the United Kingdom with respect to this country, from which the most beneficial results may be confidently anticipated. The excellent and judicious system now introduced by your Excellency's Government for opening and settling the wild lands of the Crown, by means of free grants to actual settlers, has already attracted very general public attention, not only in the mother country, but on the continent of Europe. A large portion

Prospects of 1857.