

GENERAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TORONTO, *January 15, 1858.*

The Officers and Committee to whom you intrusted the management of your Society for the past year, beg to present the annual report, and to congratulate you on the unexampled prosperity of the Society, although it has been a year of unexampled distress and privation in the community at large.

When your Committee took office, there were on the books 199 members; we now number 438, being an increase during the year of 239. At that time there was not only an empty exchequer, but you were indebted to the late Treasurer £16, which has been discharged, and the unprecedented sum of £212 3s. 3½d. has been disbursed by your Committee in relieving the wants of your distressed countrymen and their families. We can assure you that your money has been economically expended, and every case was examined into by your Committee, who met weekly at the Secretary's office, and consulted together on each application for relief.

Your Committee has not adopted the principle of saving your funds for investment in uncertain stock, but considered that the best investment they could make was in giving bread to the hungry, clothing to the naked, and in relieving the stranger in a strange land.

Your Committee have to regret that such a large number of emigrants have been sent out this year, principally from a fund raised in England for that purpose. These were all English families, and their expenses were paid to Toronto; thus they were thrown on this community without money, and being unable to get employment, they have been literally in a starving condition. Your committee have made extra exertions to relieve these destitute families, a number of whom have been sent to other parts of the country, and we have procured situations for several others in the city and neighbourhood.

Your Committee have pleasure in informing you that the monthly and quarterly meetings have been well attended, and a feeling of kindness and social intercourse manifested, which

Englishmen know your Committee would and respected meetings, to favour

The celebration of Rossin House (which believe gave perfect favour with the General and suite number of influential

Your Committee enjoyment have a realise any direct committee would venture church on that day in order to have some might also be taken

During the sum Lake Simcoe, at which a social treat with this country; as handsome sum was could not meet the expense for relief, therefore purpose of realising assisted by the gentlemen, to whom tude for their disinterested you that the large incidental expenses cordial feeling existed might have made a low rate, in order about seven hundred quantity of bread had this was done by private account of the financial