

CANADA.

Appendix to
Report of the Agent
for Emigration.

during the past winter. They are in connexion with a party of emigrants who arrived here this spring in the "Jane Duffis," "Brilliant," and "Elutheria," numbering in all about 900 passengers. The surplus fund, after defraying their expense to this port, amounting to 70 l. sterling, was remitted to this office to aid their transport into the interior. These people are represented to me (which is fully confirmed by their appearance) as intelligent and industrious, although all very poor. A large number of them have friends settled in different sections of the province; viz. in the Bathurst, Gore, and London districts. As no employment exists in this section of the province, I forwarded all those with families, at the expense of this department, to their friends. The draft for 70 l. sterling, equal to 84 l. currency, has been applied towards this purpose.

The passengers per "Industry," from Dublin, are all labourers; 15 families, 83 souls, were sent out by their landlord. He paid their passage and gave them 5 s. each to procure clothes and necessaries for the voyage. Many of these poor families were in the lowest state of poverty, without money or provisions; and a large portion of them consisted of old women and children, unable to earn a livelihood, even if employment were offered to them. They stated that they had friends residing in the neighbourhood of St. Catherine's, Niagara district. These people were all forwarded at the expense of this office.

WEEK ending 1st July.

THE emigrants arrived during the past week are chiefly from Ireland. Of 1,008 male adults, 390 are farmers, 463 labourers, 139 mechanics and tradesmen, and the remainder, 16, are servants. They all landed in good health; and the average passage for the week was 49 days. The emigrants from the port of Sligo, 492 in number, are chiefly labourers, many very poor. They nearly all have friends settled in different sections of the province. Over two-thirds of the passengers by this vessel are women, and children under 12 years. I was under the necessity of assisting 170 of them with a passage up the country to reach their friends.

The passengers per "Elizabeth," from Londonderry, 173 in number, consist of farmers and labourers who, with few exceptions, appear to have friends settled in different sections of the province. A number of them are very poor; 38 persons, chiefly women and children, were assisted from this office.

In the "Independence" and "Letitia Heyn" were 726 passengers; among whom were some respectable farmers and farm-labourers. The greater portion have their friends in the country, to whom they are about to proceed. There are also a considerable number of poor on board these two ships; and I found on examination, that 160 on board the former, and 90 in the latter vessel, stood in need of relief. These were all persons with families, who were going to join their husbands.

In the "Margaret Bogle," from Leith, and "Lady Kennard," from Dundee, were a small number of rather respectable and intelligent emigrants; they consist of farmers and mechanics, and all appear to have sufficient means to pay their way to their respective destinations in Canada West. One hundred and twenty-eight passengers per the brig "Symmetry," from Thurso, are in good circumstances; four families, 18 persons, are going to Prince Edward's Island and Pictou, the remainder to different sections of Canada West, principally to the Newcastle and Home districts. There were some very respectable farmers on board the barque "Fergus," from Hull; these people were all abundantly supplied, and a few of them possessed considerable capital; they all proceeded up the country. Some are going to the London and Western districts to join their relations.

The passengers per the "Ann," from Donegal, the "Constitution," and "Hannah," from Killala, 347 in number, are principally labourers, and a few farmers; they are all proceeding to the Upper Province, to friends. About 106 passengers from these three vessels required assistance to enable them to proceed.

The passengers from Liverpool, 256 in number, consist of English, Scotch, Welsh, and a few Irish; they are principally agricultural labourers, and are proceeding to different sections of the province. A few are going to friends in the United States.

Employment, I regret to state, is very scarce in this section of the province; and the emigrants who have not a destination in view, or friends in the country before them, find great difficulty in procuring subsistence. Wages for labourers in this quarter may be stated at 2 s., although, if employment offered, plenty of hands could be got at from 20 d. to 22 d. per day. The farmers throughout this district and the eastern townships are not employing any hands. The prices of all farm stock and produce are so low that they cannot afford to pay hired labourers; it therefore may be considered a fortunate circumstance that such a decrease in our emigration has taken place this season, more particularly of the poor classes, who are depending on immediate employment for their support. Mechanics, such as blacksmiths, carpenters, tailors, and shoemakers, find it equally difficult with the labourer to procure employment.

WEEK ending 8th July.

THE emigrants arrived during the past week landed in good health, the average passages of the week being over 48 days. Those on board the "Thompson," from Westport, are chiefly labourers, and many of them very poor; out of 140 passengers on board this vessel, 64 required assistance to enable them to proceed to their friends; one family is going to the state of New York. Three hundred and fifty-five passengers in the "Arabian," from