

Owing to the depressed state of business in the United States, large numbers of Canadians have returned to the Province; as well as others, natives of the Old Country who had come out to New York and Boston, and not finding employment, have entered the Province. The number may be estimated to be about 500. During the season of 1872, the whole number of arrivals, which came under the supervision of the Officer at this Port, was 802, for the season just closed, 1,129; making an increase of 327.

The general health of the immigrants was good. On board the s.s. "Castalia" of the Anchor Line, which vessel brought out the Scottish immigrants for New Kincardine, one birth occurred; and one birth on board the Royal Mail Steamer "Hibernian," which brought out the Danish immigrants. Three Danish children died while in the Depot at the Barracks; and one man, one woman, and three children Danes—were sent to the Hospital, ill of fever. As soon they recovered they were forwarded to the settlement.

The Riviere du Loup Railway, commencing at St. Mary's, which is now open for traffic for a distance of seventy-one miles, and which is being pushed forward to completion will pass within a short distance of the settlements of Johnville, Glassville, New Kincardine, and New Hellerup; and will no doubt, add greatly to their progress by forming a ready means of access to markets, as well as continuous railway communication with all parts of the Dominion.

I regret that it has not been in my power to make a personal visit to the settlements. I feel satisfied that could I have done so, I would then have been prepared, from actual observations, to convey to those applying at this office more detailed and satisfactory information in relation to the progress and prospects of these settlements.

The first arrival of any considerable number of immigrants was on the 19th April, when 100 Danish settlers who came out to Halifax in the "Hibernian," landed here; and the next, on the 10th May, was the steamer "Castalia," of the Anchor Line, direct, with 546 Scotch, of whom 508 were for the New Kincardine Colony, including men, women, and children.

Owing to the backwardness of the season, it was not deemed prudent to forward the Danish people to the settlement. A wing of the barracks was fitted up for their accommodation, and where during their stay in the city, they were comfortably housed. They remained in the city a few weeks, the men meanwhile being employed on the Water Works, and earning good wages. On the 21st of May, they embarked on board the steamer "Fawn," and were conveyed to their new home in the settlement. They were a fine body of people, healthy, strong, industrious, and orderly. The Scotch settlers, a body of people that the country might well be proud of, were forwarded to New Kincardine immediately on arrival, and by the same route as that taken by the Danes, and all arrived without accident, and in good health at their new homes. The kindness which these people met with from the community generally, and the care and attention bestowed on them by the Government of the Province, has made a most favorable impression; and it is confidently hoped that their success, will be the means of attracting from years to years, a steady influx of settlers to this section of the Dominion.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your very Obedient Servant.

Signed.

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