

Letter from
Mr. Webster.

led to compute the immigration to the Eastern Townships, in 1836, at 6,000. In this number are, however, included some Americans, and many persons from Upper Canada, from New Brunswick and from Cape Breton.

The majority of the immigrants have been of the labouring classes; but some mechanics have entered the country, and a number of persons of the superior classes and possessing moderate capital, have also added themselves to the population. The two first have readily found employment, the ordinary labourers receiving 2 s. 6 d., and the mechanics from 5 s. to 10 s. per day, exclusive of board; and the demand for mechanics of nearly every description continues. The public works carried on by the company having furnished employment for the labouring class throughout the summer, and being now necessarily stopped, there is not at the present time so general a demand for labourers as existed during the season of immigration. But so large a proportion of the immigrants having been provided with lands on which to employ themselves when work is less easily found, the remainder have not experienced any considerable difficulty in procuring situations affording the means of subsistence through the winter, nor is there any considerable reduction from the summer rate of wages now enforced upon them. I am led to believe therefore that no class of the last year's immigrants will meet with real difficulty in supporting themselves through this their first winter. And as works of equal, if not of greater extent, will be carried on next year, I am encouraged to look for the very general success of the entire new population. With respect to the company's settlers, the progress already made is a sufficient guarantee for their further advance; and being in some degree assisted by the company, they cannot fail to secure ample means of present subsistence, while they prepare for taking full advantage of the employment that will be continued to be furnished to them.

I remain, &c.

A. C. Buchanan, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(signed) A. C. Webster,
Sub-Commissioner.

Emigrant Office, Toronto, 5th July 1836.

Letter from
Mr. Hawke.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st May last, and weekly returns of emigrants arrived at Quebec from 11th May to 25th June, addressed to John Joseph, Esq.

I should have written you at an earlier date, but in consequence of the continued indisposition of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, I have been obliged to superintend the affairs of his office, as well as my own. I trust however that I shall find leisure to write you at length on the subjects you refer to in the course of a few days.

Your favour of the 20th June, inclosing a draft on the Montreal Bank for 62 l. 6 s. 10 d. (say 62 l. 6 s. 10 d. currency) to be distributed among a party of emigrants sent out by J. Motteaux, of Beachamwell Hall, county of Norfolk, Esq., is also before me; and I have this day endorsed the same and inclosed it to William Kingsmill, Esq., of Port Hope, with the request that he will pay the parties the sums opposite their respective names and transmit the receipts to you.

With reference to the 2 l. 12 s. 10 d. to cover any unavoidable expenses, I have requested Mr. Kingsmill to distribute it among them in equal proportions, unless any expenses have been incurred, of which I am not aware.

I have, &c.

A. C. Buchanan, Esq., Quebec.

(signed) A. B. Hawke.