

emigrate continue to a great extent unremoved ; and there is no appearance of a reduction in the facilities which a large commercial fleet in want of outward freight always offers for their removal to this country. Unless, therefore, peculiar temporary circumstances should occur at the season when the bulk of the emigration leaves the British ports, there would not appear to be proper ground for anticipating that the province will fail to receive its generally large proportion, or that the condition of the immigrants will be such as to relieve the funds of the Emigrant department from numerous and expensive claims.

The facilities which the province offers to persons possessing the capital requisite for their establishment as settlers, independently of all casual resources, are very ample in every district. Waste land is obtainable from the Crown, the land companies, and private individuals, for moderate prices. In the case of purchase from the Crown the amount is required to be paid in hand ; but in all other instances very easy terms of payment are permitted. The Canada, and the British American land companies, indeed, have extended their openings to settlers so far as to afford lands without the receipt in hand of any part of their price. The former grants leases of lots in the Huron tract, for the term of 12 years, the rent being 5*d.* per acre for the first year, and increasing in the ratio of about two-fifths per annum for the subsequent period, at the expiration of which a deed in fee-simple is granted to the purchaser without further payment. The latter disposes of waste land at the price of about 8*s.* sterling per acre, payable by four annual instalments ; the first being due only at the end of 10 years from the date of purchase, and the interest simply being in the meantime required of the purchaser. These terms appear likely to facilitate, very materially, the settlement of the poorest families who seek this object. Indeed, the great numbers who have taken advantage of the terms offered by the land companies, in both parts of the province, show that there exist no longer material obstacles to the acquisition of land ; and that if this had been the only point of difficulty hitherto encountered, the attainment of independent circumstances, by every class of our immigrants who possess industry, energy, and thrift, must be henceforth fully permitted.

In concluding this Report, in which I have endeavoured to comprehend a review of every point of interest connected with the department that is intrusted to my superintendence, I have to trust that it may receive your Excellency's favourable consideration.

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