

ment. For the last thirty years, however, there has been a traditionary policy, alike adopted by all parties, of neglecting immigration, and of tacitly conceding that this Province is inferior to its sister colonies in its agricultural capabilities, and in the amount of land susceptible of profitable cultivation. We are only learning, at this late day, to appreciate some resources of which we were hitherto ignorant; and the day may yet come when, in this respect also, we shall value the capabilities of this Province more highly than we now do.

As regards our inducements for immigration, our comparatively short distance from England is a great advantage. Halifax, Nova Scotia, which, (calculating by length of sea voyage,) is 2351 miles distant from Plymouth, is

10,349	miles	nearer	to	England	than	Melbourne.
12,223	"	"	"	"	"	New Zealand,
12,410	"	"	"	"	"	San Francisco.
13,136	"	"	"	"	"	British Columbia.

Emigrants, unsought by us, attracted hither by the discovery of gold, and the attention which our department in the Exhibition has drawn to this Province, are already coming. Will they find us altogether unprepared for their reception? Is there any office to which an emigrant can resort for information? The question has been asked in our streets by strangers, and no one can answer it. It is to be regretted that within the past few weeks, some persons, having become disheartened at having spent all their money in the city, from not knowing where to go for employment, have returned to Great Britain in disgust, and will doubtless prevent many from coming to our shores, who would otherwise have selected this Province as a home. Something should be done by us, both in Great Britain and here, to attract a class of people to our shores, that will be of value, not only from the capital they possess, but from the benefits of their knowledge and example.