

our opinion the *chief* problem is, how to retain these, and how use them to the best advantage ?

We promised in our last issue, to return to this subject at an early date. We do so under the conviction that some measure for the better administration of the immigration system is absolutely necessary, and will in all probability be brought before the House next session ; and that if the press of the country is prepared with any suggestions on this subject, they should be made promptly. We do not suppose that our ideas are better, indeed it may be, not nearly so good as those of other men, but however that may be, we esteem it our duty to give them publicity. " In the midst of councillors there is safety," and perhaps our bushel of chaff may contain a grain of wheat.

In the first place we are of opinion, that the emigration office at Quebec, should be connected with, and placed under the control of the Crown Land Department. This would place the direction of whatever system may be adopted, in the hands of a responsible commissioner, and raise its management out of its present position, which is anomalous, and greatly exposed to be found fault with, and suspected of partiality.

Our next enquiry is, what is the best plan for