

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE COLONIAL LAND AND EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS.

WITH the view of obtaining information which might probably be useful to persons proposing to settle in the British Provinces in North America, the Commissioners of Land and Emigration some time since prepared, in order to be transmitted to the authorities of these colonies, two sets of questions, one embracing the points having reference to emigrants taking out capital, the other those which appeared more especially to relate to the welfare of the labourer.

The colonial authorities circulated these questions amongst government officers, public bodies, and private individuals, and digested the answers which were obtained into separate returns for each province. These returns, except with regard to Nova Scotia, from which replies have not arrived, are now published in the following pages, as far as possible in the words in which they were received from the colonial authorities.

The Commissioners take the opportunity of the publication of these returns to prefix some other statements and tables which they believe may be of use or interest to parties contemplating emigration. They will be found enumerated in the annexed list of contents.

By order of the Board,

STEPHEN WALCOTT,

Secretary.

9, *Park Street, Westminster;*

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