

pation of more general activity, which is confidently entertained throughout the country, should be fulfilled on the reappearance of summer, and if the immigration should be of no more than moderate extent, I do not look forward to any great difficulty in our absorbing the usual proportion of the labouring class. Farming men will be generally in demand, and a moderate supply of unskilled labour also may be required. Female servants with some experience will find places readily, but they must be unincumbered by families of children. But no encouragement can be offered to the immigration of superior artisans and mechanics who have not some resources on which to fall back. These classes, dependent on immediate employment, may find themselves greatly distressed should there be further delay in the recommencement of the works which alone can require them.

It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the advantages that Canada offers to emigrants of means making them independent of employment. The moderate prices of all necessities of life, and of the particular requisites of the new settler, form an inducement to the occupation and improvement of wild land more than sufficient to counterbalance our former high prices of produce. With the average crops rendered by our climate and soil, I have little doubt that the farmers and settlers of the province are now thriving in a degree quite as great as at any former period.

Submitting this Report to your Excellency's favourable consideration,

I have, &c.
(signed) *A. C. Buchanan,*
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