

breadth of climate, that ample, congenial, and profitable occupation can be found for every class of industrious English emigrant, and it is my especial object in this letter to lay before you reliable information and practical directions for the guidance of intending emigrants, and societies and associations promoting and assisting emigration.

The first question for the consideration of most intending emigrants is how to provide means to enable them to change their position; the second, the place of embarkation, mode of conveyance, and destination; and thirdly, their future occupation and probable chances of success in the country of their adoption. Lord Durham, in his celebrated report on British North America, described the capabilities of that country as follows:—

“No portion of the American continent possesses greater natural resources for the maintenance of large and flourishing communities; an almost boundless range of the richest soil still remains unsettled, and may be rendered available for the purposes of agriculture. The wealth of inexhaustible forests of the best timber in America, and of extensive regions of the most valuable minerals, have as yet been scarcely touched. Along the whole line of sea-coast and around each island and in every river are to be found the greatest and richest fisheries in the world. The best fuel and most abundant water power are available for the coarser manufactures, for which an easy and certain market will be found. Trade with the continent is favoured by the possession of a large number of safe and spacious harbours; long, deep, and numerous rivers and vast inland seas supply the means of easy intercourse; and the structure of the country generally affords the utmost facility for every species of communication by land. Unbounded materials of agricultural, commercial, and manufacturing industry are there; it depends upon the present decision of the Imperial legislature to determine for whose benefit they are to be made available. The country which has founded and maintained these colonies at a vast amount