

one. Paradise is lost upon earth; let us seek it in heaven—in the “land that is very far off,” into which sin, sorrow, and death shall not enter.—I am, your most obdt. servt.,

WILLIAM FRASER.

KINCARDINE, C.W., *Jan. 1st, 1867.*

COUNTY BUILDINGS, WALKERTON, *2d March, 1867.*

REV. MR. FRASER,—MY DEAR SIR,—I am just in receipt of yours of the 28th ult., with accompanying queries, which, on account of pressure of office work at this particular season, I must necessarily reply to briefly.

1st, I am of opinion that, as a general thing, our young men do not better their condition by going to the States for employment. As a matter of course, there are some who, by the change, improve their pecuniary circumstances, but, so far as I can speak, from my own knowledge, such cases are exceptional, and not the rule.

2d & 3d, I am not aware of any well-to-do Canadian farmers who have sold out and gone to the States, in hope of bettering their condition, but what have regretted the change, and, from all accounts, most of them would only be too glad to return to their former positions in Canada, were they able to accomplish it.

4th, In the matter of religion and education, in the large cities of the Union as well as in the newly settled districts, it is a cause of general complaint on the part of those who return from the States, that in these respects they are immeasurably behind Canada, and it is a matter of daily occurrence for our well brought-up young men to return to their former homes, on account of the abounding immorality in the northern cities of the Union.

5th, In the important consideration of health, it is a serious fact, that a very alarming proportion of those who emigrate from Canada to the States, return home with their constitutions so shattered and enfeebled as to render them unfit for the prosecution of their former avocations. Many of them who have been overtaken by the malarious fevers so prevalent in many portions of the States, have, to my own knowledge, either died there, or returned to Canada, to be laid in the graves of their households. In point of health, it is a generally acknowledged truth, that there is no comparison between Canada and the United States of America.

6th, From all that I have seen and been able to ascertain from those competent of forming a correct opinion, I am fully persuaded that emigrants from Great Britain possessed of moderate means, and those adapted for hiring out as farm labourers, would find Canada a more desirable field for the exercise of their energies and enterprise than the United States.

I am, faithfully yours,

J. M'L.