

thousand annually, and yet of such a nature as to leave as many unemployed in the Mother Country, as before it took place, for a great proportion of them might have been, in one way or other, employers of the poor. The actual relief at home last year was, possibly, not great, for it is generally acknowledged, that a body of emigrants never before landed in Quebec, of comparatively so respectable appearance, which is one plain reason why they "*were absorbed*," or at least disappeared, with so little inconvenience to the public.

This would be a matter of less consequence, if we could make sure of the settlement of the better sort in the Colonies, as their funds might soon be as effectually turned towards the relief of the British poor as formerly, and although a spirited system of improvement by roads and otherwise, would be the means of detaining a much larger proportion of them than remain at present, yet considering the peculiar situation of this country, it is unsafe to depend much upon such a result.

In a general and continued emigration it is the undoubted policy of the Mother Country to aim at keeping back her better classes, and letting go her lowest, but as direct restraint cannot be applied to the one, the fullest rein ought to be given to the other. The word of Government insuring employment and subsistence in Canada to every comer, would certainly have a very great effect in exciting the effort of emi-