

been very often sent to Ontario, when they might have been sent, at less cost, to an equally promising or perhaps more promising field, in the Eastern Townships, at our very doors. During last summer deputations from the St. Andrew's, Irish Protestant Benevolent, and our own Society, met together to see if these Societies could not unite in some plan by which applicants for assistance, and especially newly arrived immigrants, needing advice, might be directed to profitable employment in that locality. Our Society afterwards addressed a circular to the Mayor of every municipality in the Townships, asking what kind of employment, and how much could be had in his neighborhood. From the answers received it may be stated that the Eastern Townships afford an excellent field for labour, fully equal to most parts of Ontario, but there is not so much demand at present for tradesmen as for farm labourers. The scarcity of the latter is often very much felt, and as nearly all the immigrants come out ticketed direct for Ontario, there would seem to be little hope of mending matters in that respect, unless there were some one at Home, charged with the duty of sending out emigrants specially for the Townships. In the meantime, it is satisfactory for us to know, that applicants, especially farm labourers, can be well placed in the Townships, and that Mr. Lanigan, Immigration Agent at Sherbrooke, will have pleasure in providing for any number that can be sent up. For any one with a little capital good land can also be had there at moderate prices.

In conclusion, your Committee would suggest, that it would be well if there were in this city and elsewhere, Labor Bureaux, by which employers and unemployed could be brought into contact, and the difficulty of finding one another when wanted, obviated.

The whole respectfully submitted,

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