

## CHAPTER II.

## MOTIVES TO EMIGRATE.

THE first question which a man who thinks of emigrating should ask himself, is "Why should I do so?" And it is probably the most important practical question of his life. It involves the breaking up of all the old ties and associations of his childhood, and beginning life afresh in a new country; where everything which surrounds him will seem new and strange to him at first, but with which he will in one year become familiar; and the general experience in Canada is that when an immigrant has lived a few years in the country he could not be induced to leave it.

It is, however, true that emigration has led to many cases of individual hardship; but these are the exception; and they always come from the unfitness of the persons who suffer it to emigrate at all.

Generally speaking, where a man is doing well at home, and sees his way to continue to do so, great caution should be used in advising him to emigrate; and it is a safe rule to let well alone. But a man who is doing well himself, and has a family, may generally find a better chance for educating and advantageously placing his family in life in Canada than in the crowded population at home.

Above all things, an emigrant should have good health, and be stout-hearted, prepared to do anything that comes to his hand, and to adapt himself to the circumstances of the new country in which his lot is placed. He may have many things to learn, and many to unlearn, and especially should he learn to follow the practices which the experience of the country to which he goes has proved to be wise, rather than attempt those of the old country which he has left.

The condition of success in Canada is hard work; and none should come who have not made up their minds to work. The idle and dissipated had better stay at home.

The Hon. J. H. Pope, the Minister of Agriculture in the Dominion Cabinet, stated, in a recent memorandum to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to questions on the subject of emigration, that—

"There are very many thousands of persons throughout the Dominion who came to this country as laborers, without any means, in fact almost in a state of pauperism, and tenant farmers