

"so far as is consistent with our position of a dependency of the Empire, his statements, and actions, and prestige will be generally accepted by the public, and will greatly assist in giving a direction to emigration from the United Kingdom, and from Europe generally..... At present, the local emigration agent living in London can have no influence whatever. He is not accredited in any way to Her Majesty's Government, and can have no influence on the Continent in the way of giving assurances or holding out hopes to the emigrants from the north of Europe..... It is believed that an officer of high rank and position, to whom reference can be made, and to whom the Colonial Secretary can send any communications from continental powers on this subject, will be of the greatest importance to Canada, and will assist us in the attraction of emigration. That is only one small branch of the duties it is proposed to impose upon this representative agent. Besides looking after the whole question of emigration, we thought it desirable to have a representative agent on the spot to attend to the commercial interests of the Dominion. It is known that within two years, most of the commercial treaties which previously governed the commerce of the Continent, have been abrogated, and that all the European nations are at"

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