

may land at any part of this diocese, or come through the United States, and what measures I consider advisable for securing to them, at their first landing, friendly counsel and spiritual advice.

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“In my *late* Charge I suggested that all emigrants belonging to our Church should bring certificates from their respective Clergymen, and, on landing at Quebec or Montreal in Lower Canada, or at Kingston, Toronto, or any other place or town of Upper Canada, should call upon the Clergyman, and show their certificates, and he would give them the best advice.

“This advice or suggestion of mine has been extensively acted upon during the last three years, and has done much good; but it is, at the same time, attended with much trouble,—certainly much more than was foreseen—and even with distress and inconvenience. A large portion of the emigrants arrive entirely destitute, and expect from the Clergyman pecuniary assistance, and to an amount which he is unable to give them. Many are sick, and unable to work; sometimes the father is ill, sometimes the mother, with large families, and their means are completely exhausted; labour is often scarce, and numbers come out who have been brought up to trades or outdoor work, and not always sufficiently strong to undertake it. Others are so little acquainted with labour, that they cannot by labour earn their victuals. Old persons are sent out, even many lame and blind, who are totally incapable of doing anything for themselves, and are a burthen on our people.

“Our Clergy, under all these circumstances, do all they can, and often at an expense which they can ill afford; for instances of extreme distress at times occur which they cannot overlook. As Toronto is the principal town at which emigrants congregate, I find them a heavy item of expense. The emigrants who come through the United States are equally forlorn, and are treated in the same way.