

Nearly all of those who arrived here last year were sent out through the clergymen of their respective Parishes, and passages were refused to a number who were known to be of bad or indifferent character, and who would therefore probably have left the Province soon after arrival, or would have been worthless had they remained in it.

I may here state that I have been informed by a lady in England, who has taken great interest about many of the lately-arrived immigrants, that she could send out a number of female domestic servants of good character, provided that she knew beforehand what sort of situations would be ready for them, and what their probable wages would be.

No time could possibly be fitter than the present for making an effort to divert to this Province part of the stream of emigration which is now flowing from Great Britain. The present discontented state of the agricultural state of the population there, in particular, the high prices of necessaries combined with the knowledge that in this country a steady hard-working man can, in a comparatively short time, become independent, while the distance to be traversed is so short, must, if prompt measures only be taken, result in large numbers being drawn to this Province, who would otherwise emigrate elsewhere.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. H. SWINNEY.

The Hon. The Surveyor General of New Brunswick.

MR. SHIVES' REPORT.

GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION OFFICE,

ST. JOHN, N. B., December 13th, 1872.

Sir,—The past season has been one of unusual prosperity. The demand for agricultural labourers, mechanics, domestic servants, and boys and girls, has been without precedent in the history of the Province.

Wages have ruled high; and of the classes named, the supply has fallen far short of the demand. As regards the coming season everything indicates that the demand will be even in excess of that just ended.

The number of arrivals of immigrants for the year 1872, exceeds by nearly two hundred the number arriving last year; and it is satisfactory to know that all who came to the Province, did so with the intention of making it their home.

The number of agricultural labourers bears a fair proportion to the whole number; and of skilled labour, which was in great demand, there was a larger supply than for several years past.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, that there were far too few to meet the growing requirements of the country; and it is to be hoped that the liberal policy of the Government, and the inducements held out to those desirous of cultivating the soil, by Free Grants of Land, and other facilities, that the Province is entering on a new career of advancement; and that the Tracts which have been recently surveyed and laid off