

country which circumstances have rendered it impossible for the local Government to perform. It is precisely that deficiency which it is in the power of the Emigration Association to supply, if they be joined and sustained by the good sense and good feeling of the country : nay even the self-interest of individuals will, if judiciously exercised, contribute to the common good.

"An evil attendant upon the colonization of Canada, in times past, is industriously represented as still existing in its aggravated forms, by those who would deter settlers from selecting this province as their home. It is urged that nearly all the lands within the settled precincts of the province have passed into the hands of private individuals; and that the new emigrant must necessarily go far into the depths of the forest, remote from the peopled settlements ; where, whatever may be the excellence of his land, he will be remote from markets, mills, or even roads or the means of procuring labour or supplies, during the first year of his residence.

"These difficulties have existed to a great and disheartening extent, sometimes so as to induce the settler to abandon his possessions. It is true also that a great proportion of the land, especially in the older surveyed Townships, comprehending the choicest locations, in the neighbourhood of roads and navigable waters, now belongs to private individuals—and it is this very fact that enables the Association to be of the most essential service. These tracts are at present unproductive to the owner, and if retained in their wildstate, with the view to their owners obtaining higher prices, would interpose such a serious obstacle to the settlement of the country as might well justify the Legislature in imposing a tax upon lands kept unimproved from so selfish and narrow a policy. The Association are happy in knowing,—for many of such proprietors are among its most zealous members,—that such lands generally remain in their profitless fertility, only because the hand of man is wanting to turn them into productive cornfields and animated pastures ; and that if their fellow countrymen were here to make use of them, they would be happy in giving to them portions equal to their utmost wants without money and without price ;—yes—and every other aid which could tend to their future advantage. And this too without any affectation of generosity on the part of the members of the Association ; for they are well aware, that, by the settlement and cultivation of a portion of their lands, the adjoining part will become better worth the purchasing by future emigrants, or by the settler himself when he shall have become prosperous.

"This system of free grants of portions of private properties scattered over the whole Province, and therefore presenting endless choice of locality, in respect to previous settlement of friends, &c., to such persons as have no money to pay, or having small means, might more beneficially to themselves and the country apply them to accelerate the improvement of the land, forms the principal feature in the scheme of the Association, by which they hope to be useful to their countrymen. But it is only one : there are cases, where not only the

poor, but even the better difficulties would induce him to abandon his estate. He had practical knowledge of the evils of over-averaging from experience without its remedy for the sale of land supplying accurate information of great utility in any other kind of business. He was disposed to accept of the before mentioned solitary ; but the comforts of society were the most discouraging.

*The practical* tion with the Society, as well of the grants generally, the one, and perhaps the other. To such of the auspices or will home, it is proposed that settlement and locations, erecting ing one-half of the which their grant land will be secure actual residence, and a deed in 1 them.

For the convenience opened in Toronto private individuals, with ships, districts, &c. lands for sale, for 1 this Association ; with local peculiarities, the nature of the ad settlers therein can knowledge of which time of personal inspection of all the above matters Societies in Great Britain accurate information lantic.

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