

upon it in a separate letter. Suffice it for the present to say that the territories of Minnesota, Dacotah, Montana, and Saskatchewan are surely destined to be the homes of the bulk of the emigration from Europe for the next hundred years, and that the Grand Trunk Railway can be made the shortest, the cheapest, and the best route thither.

Coming fresh from this great North-West country I have been most forcibly struck with the enormous increase of poverty in London during my absence. I daily witness long files of human beings waiting outside the police offices, begging for a night's lodging at the workhouse, nearly every one of whom could earn in that country from four shillings to eight shillings per day, and in a few years gain comparative independence.

The question in this country now is not one of filling up our colonies, but how to dispose of our surplus population.

There is four hundred and fifty miles of railway building in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Lower Canada, two hundred miles in Western Canada, and thousands of miles in the North-West States and territories of America, and in connection with these railways millions of acres of fertile virgin country is being opened up for settlement, so that were it not for the difficulty and expense of crossing the Atlantic, England and Europe would be denuded of its poverty in great measure in a few years, and millions who are now in abject misery and want, would, by the exercise of ordinary industry, be rendered prosperous, healthy, and happy.

I witnessed the arrival of a large number of the emigrants in Canada this last summer, and saw how readily they were absorbed by the country, and felt that at last English charity had been applied in the proper direction. This movement ought to be fostered and promoted in every way; but the present mode of sending out emigrants is simply barbarous, and enough to deter the stoutest hearts from proceeding on the journey.

A fleet of ships ought to be built especially adapted for carrying emigrants, of moderate tonnage, with all modern improvements as to space and ventilation, so as to insure the health of the passengers, with auxiliary steam power to make the voyage to Halifax in ten days' sailing from the port of London, and carrying passengers at £4 a head. Such a fleet would command the bulk of the European emigration, would confer a blessing on humanity, would pay as a commercial