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COPY of a DESPATCH from EARL CATHCART to EARL GREY.

MY LORD,

Government House, Montreal,
28th December, 1846.

I SUBMIT herewith the Annual Reports of the Chief Emigration Agent, and of the Superintendent of the Quarantine Establishment for the year 1846. As it is desirable that these documents should be transmitted to your Lordship as soon after the close of the season as possible, and as I have only this day received Mr. Buchanan's Report, I must reserve until I am furnished with the duplicate copy, whatever remarks it may be necessary for me to lay before your Lordship; but it appears to me that these Reports will be found to supply very full and clear information on all the particulars connected with the Emigration to Canada during the past season.

I beg leave to observe that I have not yet received instructions to draw from the Commissariat chest the sums which in Mr. Gladstone's Despatch of the 31st of January last, No. 12, I was informed would be proposed to Parliament for the service of Emigration to Canada during the year terminating the 31st of March, 1847, and as the greater portion of the expenses of the year's emigration are incurred during the summer months, and the creditors are becoming anxious for the settlement of their accounts, I would request your Lordship to direct the payment of those sums into the hands of the Receiver-General of this province.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c.

CATHCART.

REPORT ON EMIGRATION.

Report.

Office of Her Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration in Canada.

MY LORD,

Quebec, 24th December, 1846.

I HAVE the honour to submit to Your Excellency, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, my Annual Report on the Emigration to this Province during the season of 1846.

I have, as in former years, compiled from the records of this Department, a number of tabular statements, intended to show more plainly the results of the emigration of the season, under different points of view. These, together with my weekly reports and other papers connected with the transactions of the Department, will be found in the Appendix. Paper No. 1 is the usual tabular statement of the arrivals during each week; distinguishing adults, males, and females, from children; as also the proportion who were ascertained to have received parochial or other assistance to aid their emigration. On reference to this return in the Appendix (page 16), it will be seen that the total number of emigrants who have landed at this port during the past season, is 32,753, six hundred of whom come within the class of cabin passengers. A comparison of this aggregate with the returns of 1845, shows an increase of 7,378—equal to 29 per cent.

Emigration males, females, children.

Total Emigration.

Paper No. 2 shows the total number of vessels which arrived with emigrants from each country, with an average of their passages, the number of cabin and steerage passengers embarked, the deaths during the voyage and in quarantine, and the number landed in the colony, distinguishing males from females, and adults from children.

Vessels from each country.

Paper No. 3 furnishes a list of the ports from whence these emigrants have sailed, with the particular number from each port and country. The numbers have been as follows:—

Ports from whence they came.

	Cabin.	Steerage.
From England .	273	8,890
,, Ireland .	207	20,842
,, Scotland .	120	1,525
,, Germany .	..	896
Total .	600	32,153