

EXTRACTS from the Notes appended to the principal Reports of Arrivals of Passenger Ships at the Ports of Quebec and Montreal in the Season of 1853.

## No. 1.

From the 1st to the 31st May.

6,514 souls landed at this port from the opening of the navigation to the 31st May, being a decrease, when compared with the corresponding period of 1852, of 896 souls; 6,381 were classed as steerage passengers and 133 as cabin.

They landed in good health, although many of the vessels have made unusually long passages for the season, the average being 43 days.

The deaths on the passage were eighteen: males two, females three, children eight, and infants five.

The male adults were classed in the passenger list as follows:—

Farmers	-	-	-	662
Labourers	-	-	-	1,149
Mechanics	-	-	-	306
Servants	-	-	-	109

2,226

The emigrants from England (which number, exclusive of those from Liverpool, about 1,300 souls) were chiefly farmers and agricultural labourers, with a party of Cornish miners and navvies; the farmers proceeded to Upper Canada, the miners to the Western States, and the navvies obtained employment on the Richmond railroad.

Those from Liverpool were nearly all Irish and of the labouring class; a number were proceeding to join friends, and others for employment.

On board the "Ava," from Southampton, there were 78 persons who were aided in their emigration, forty-one souls, equal to thirty-three adults, also received landing money, amounting to 30% sterling; the remainder were respectable farmers proceeding to Upper Canada, and a few to the Western States.

The emigrants direct from Irish ports were all of the labouring class; among them were 316 paupers, viz.—

99 females from the Cork union	were paid 15s. sterling on landing.
101	" Edenderry " 20s. " "
89 females and boys	Carlow " 20s. " "
27	" Carrickmacross " nil.

Of the party from the Cork union, seven were left at Grosse Isle, suffering from ophthalmia, two of whom were reported by the medical officer as quite blind.

The captain of the "Urania" having declined to enter into the necessary bond required by the Provincial Passenger Act, decided to take them back to their union; thirteen more of the same party have been sent to hospital in this city and to that in Montreal, labouring under the effects of the same disease; the other parties were in excellent health, and looked clean and tidy.

On receiving their landing money, such as would not accept of employment here were sent up the country under the care of this department; a number went to their relations in the United States.

The agent at Toronto reports that all who had reached that section of the country were immediately employed. The twenty-seven girls from the Carrickmacross union stated that they were to have received 10s. sterling each on landing; no instruction whatever had reached this department respecting them. From having stated that they were destitute and without the means of procuring lodgings, they received assistance: eight obtained employment in this city and neighbourhood, the remainder were sent up the country. A report of their case has been made and forwarded to the guardians of the Carrickmacross union.

The emigrants from Scotland were respectable tradesmen and farmers; 104 were mechanics, principally connected with railroad work. On board the "Robert Burns" some valuable stock was imported by a gentleman near Toronto, consisting of sheep and pigs.

Of the foreign emigrants 277 were Germans and 250 Norwegians; the latter all proceeded direct to Chicago; twenty-six of the Germans were employed on the Richmond railroad, about fifteen miles from Quebec, and fourteen proceeded to friends in the Waterloo districts (they possessed capital), and 234 went to their friends in the Western States.

The opinion expressed during the winter as to the scarcity of labourers this season has been fully realized, and the scarcity seems much greater than anticipated. Applications are coming in from all sections of the province for labourers and mechanics; wages for the former one dollar, and for masons and stonecutters 2 to 2½ dollars are paid per day in cash; the demand is still increasing, and not likely to be satisfied by any supply of emigrants which may be received this season.

The number of persons assisted from the several vessels in this return was 357, all females and children, who have come out to join their relations in this province and the Western States, at an outlay of 100*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*