

there are, with the addition of the newly-acquired territory, about 50,000,000 acres of unoccupied lands, of which probably half is arable, and another large portion is valuable on account of its mineral wealth. Would you not think that more should be done than has been the case hitherto to promote the settlement of these lands? It is true that the great North-West is attracting the attention of everybody just now, and that even from this Province a considerable number have gone there, but the establishment there is a much more serious money question than in Ontario. While of the whole mass of emigrants ten per cent. would perhaps have the means to reach and settle in Manitoba, fifty per cent. have the means to go on land in this Province, and to live until they get their first harvest. The expenses of a large family to go to the North-West, for instance, would be almost sufficient to start it well in this Province, and by thus classifying the settlers according to their means, we would reclaim a larger portion for the cultivation of the soil and prevent accumulation in towns.

Another aspect is this:—Take people from mountainous countries and transplant them on plains, and you will almost invariably find that they are not as contented and happy as they would be in at least hilly and well-wooded countries. This I have practically experienced with my Swiss. Wurtembergers with larger means, and Germans from the northern part of the Empire, would do very well in Manitoba. This selection of different nations for the different Provinces here is a part of the control which I desire to see exercised in Europe by Canadian authorities.

I see by the papers of these last two weeks that the English Government recommends emigrants from the British Isles to choose the English colonies for their future homes. We Germans have no colonies of our own; but when it becomes a matter of choice as to where we should go, then I think that we ought to settle with the English. All our national, all our natural tendencies and dispositions, lead to this point, and, as I said before, the German Government is well disposed towards Canada; it depends upon her only to make the best and most intelligent use of this kindly disposition. I hope that by what I have the honour of saying to you, I have made it clear why I desired to address the City of Toronto, as represented by you, gentlemen—Toronto, the key to this Province, and the seat of intelligence and of enlightened national aspirations.