

ral agent at Quebec to send off such a number in the direction indicated. This plan has acted only as a filter to hold a few, while the greater number passed on West. No one individual in the Municipality was personally interested in the immigrants, no one conceived it to be his or her duty to travel round the country and find employment for the new comers. Many might feel the inclination to assist, but had not the time to do so, and what is thought to be every one's business, will in the end be totally neglected by every one. The farmers in the neighbourhood will not be in any hurry to seek out hands and offer liberal wages; they prefer waiting till the immigrant comes to seek employment, when they expect to make a more advantageous bargain, buying the largest amount of muscle for the least possible price. Or if a family purpose settling in the neighbourhood, and it becomes known that funds will be forthcoming for the purchase of land; there will be found more persons willing to take advantage of the immigrant than to protect him. Some sharper with a poor farm will most likely succeed in foisting it off on him, and with the proceeds himself purchase a bush land. During these first tedious and uncertain months in a strange country, the immigrant is severely tried; and be-