

tainly for their families), which have been realized by tens of thousands of persons already here, and in store for others, if sober, patient, and industrious, without which qualifications they must neither expect, nor do they deserve to succeed.

"YOU GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND"

must bear in mind that in Upper Canada alone, we have more than 200,000 landowners; that a tenant-farmer is a very 'rare bird;' that the taxes to which these landowners are liable, rarely exceed five cents (3d.) in the pound upon the assessments made by themselves, and that even this small sum is applied to local purposes and improvements—road repairs, schools, &c., &c. They have no rent, no tithes, poor-rates, church-rates, stamp-duties; tea and sugar are cheaper than at home; and nothing is dearer except wearing apparel and bedding, and beer and porter.

"The last two years have been to Canadians a period of anxious solicitude. The usual results of a wild spirit of speculation in town and village lots and wild lands pervaded almost every class among us. Two successive crops of our great staple, wheat, deficient in quantity as well as quality, reduced us to a state of depression unknown before in our brief and prosperous national history; and the merchant at his 'ledger, the farmer in his clearing, and the back-woodsman in the deepest recesses of our forest solitudes, waited and watched for, with trembling anxiety and intense interest, the result of this year's cereal productions. But God, in his goodness, has blessed the work of our hands, and given us more than we could reasonable have asked, and far more than we deserve. In grateful and solemn acknowledgment of which 'blessings of peace and plenty,' His Excellency in Council appointed a day last month as a general holiday and day of thanksgiving throughout the Province, which day was observed with grateful and commendable solemnity."

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QUEBEC, March 26, 1860.

"MY DEAR WYNDHAM,

"A Quebec paper, *Le Canadien*, &c., &c., in a sensible and temperate article on the very interesting and important subject of emigration, much approves of the wise and liberal policy of the Commissioner of Crown Lands in giving Free Grants (concessions gratuites) in the neighbourhood of the Colonization Roads now made or to be hereafter made; and further states that the success of this enlightened proposal will mainly depend upon the zeal and honesty with which it is carried into effect by those Agents to whom the duty of directing emigration shall be intrusted. The writer recommends that Government should invite the attention of