

DOMINION OF CANADA.

INFORMATION

FOR

INTENDING EMIGRANTS.

CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTORY.

EMIGRATION FROM EUROPE.

THE continuous emigration from the old settled countries of Europe, principally from the United Kingdom and Germany, to new countries in different parts of the world, within the last half century, is one of the most remarkable facts of modern history, and has laid the foundations of great nations. Over two millions of souls emigrated from Great Britain alone in a little over ten years; and yet it appears from the statistics, published by the Registrar General, that the natural increase of the population in England is very nearly a quarter of a million a year over the outflow from emigration. Even with this outflow, there is crowding in the labor markets, and a large amount of pauperism. Emigration relieves both, while it builds up prosperous communities in hitherto waste places of the world.

The figures published by the Imperial Board of Trade show that £21,438,218 stg. were remitted by emigrants from Great Britain to the friends left behind them from the year 1848 to 1878, and this principally in the form of prepaid passages. There is in this proof of a very striking kind of the prosperity of the emigrants and their desire that their friends should join them. The large sum above stated was the amount of remittances only so far as ascertained. There were other large amounts not ascertained. Of the amount above stated £21,251,697 stg. were from America.

These pages are intended to show reasons why a large portion of this emigrating movement should be directed to Canada; to indicate the classes of persons who may advantageously emigrate; and to furnish them with useful practical directions.