

A SERIES OF ANSWERS FOR INTENDING EMIGRANTS.

The following letter is designed (says the *Canadian Gazette*) to answer many correspondents :—

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 9th ult.

1. There is plenty of land at Calgary, but for Government land you have, as a rule, to go further; about 10 miles of railroad land about two miles off.

2. There is plenty of water, and it is very pure; for good quality is unequalled in England.

3. All implements and all things needful for home and farm can be got at Calgary. I think the expense of moving them there from elsewhere would be dearer than buying at Calgary.

4. The supply of horses and oxen here is scarce just now. A good yoke of oxen about 225 dols. (£45). A pair of horses about 400 dols. (about £80), but the price of course varies according to supply and demand.

5. There are several medical men at Calgary with little to do, for the climate is so healthy.

6. By all means bring families here at once, as women are in great demand here, their work being worth money.

7. I think the amount of capital (£100) small, but being no rent, taxes, water, fuel, to pay for, it would go much further than in England, and any one with industry would get on well.

8. Labouring men get from 30 dols. to 45 dols. per month, and board. Mechanics from 3 dols. to 5 dols. per day without board.

9. The wheat will all be wanted at Calgary or in the mining districts close at hand; in fact, more than can be grown here.

10. Land can be got not far apart, but most likely not altogether. If you do get it altogether, it may be in a more inferior part. It would be for each one or so to choose his own and get a choice of land. You ought to be here soon, before the flow of immigration sets in.

11. The cost of a log house depends upon size, from 75 dols. to 300 dols. A frame one cannot be mentioned without knowing the dimensions. Boards readily dressed cost from 30 dols. to 45 dols. per thousand feet.

12. There is no alkali in the land about here.

13. Book right through to Calgary, as it only costs 15 dols. from Montreal to Calgary, whereas any 300 miles of the distance any other way would cost as much.

14. The money you would pay for firearms will be more useful to you here than they will be, as many want to sell theirs after they get here. Bring one if you have it without buying.

I should advise any one coming not to bring more with them than necessary, both on account of the charges to pay and also the trouble of looking after them. I may say that any young ladies or old maids desirous of changing their names have an excellent opportunity of doing so, as there are numbers of bachelors here who are doing well who are in want of housekeepers. Ladies' servants are very much wanted here, and can command from 20 dols. to 30 dols. per month (from £4 to £6) with board.—
I am, dear sir, yours truly,

JOHN GLENN.

Fish Creek, near Calgary, 15th February, 1884.