

CANADA.

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1st.—What funds have been placed at your disposal during the past quarter for the relief of emigrants?

1,391*l* 9*s*. 7*d*., to cover expenditure of emigration department from 30th June to 31st August.

2d.—State the description of labour which is in request in the colony?

In consequence of the construction of railways in Upper Canada, and other public works of a similar nature in this section of the province, the demand for common labourers at advanced wages has been unusually great. Mechanics of almost every description, such as masons, bricklayers, carpenters, blacksmiths, tailors, shoemakers, cabinet-makers, and wheelwrights are also sure of employment at good wages.

Properly qualified female domestic servants, cooks, &c. are much wanted. The difficulty of finding efficient persons for this essential branch of domestic comfort and economy is generally felt.

3d.—Would the rate of emigration of the last quarter satisfy the existing demand for labour?

No. A much greater number would have readily obtained employment; and as additional public works are to commence in the spring, the demand for labour is certain to be greater in 1853 than it has been in 1852.

4th.—State any particulars relative to emigration, the demand for labour, and the means of remunerating it, which you think may be useful?

I can only add, in addition to what is above stated, that the past season has been uncommonly healthy, and that I know of no better market for labour, or the means for remunerating it, than that which is furnished by the present outlay on public and private undertakings, of almost every description, which have been and are now in actual operation throughout the province.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of ELGIN to the Duke of NEWCASTLE.

Government House, Quebec, February 23, 1853.

(Received March 15, 1853.)

MY LORD DUKE,

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith the Report of the Chief Agent of Emigration to Canada for the year 1852, and I venture to request your Grace's attention to the interesting information which it conveys with respect to the industrial prospects of the Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.

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Office of Her Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration to Canada,
Quebec, 30th December 1852.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Excellency, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, my annual report of the emigration into this province during the season of 1852, accompanied by the usual statistical tables.