

I trust that your endeavor to counteract the great national evil consequent on the system of irresponsible emigration agencies, may meet with success, and that you may receive the hearty and active support of such an association of English and Canadian well-wishers as may put an end to the contempt which now generally attaches to the mention of "gentleman colonist" in Canada.

Yours very faithfully,

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Your articles in *The Week* entitled "Colonization a Practical Science" deserve the earnest attention of every one interested in a problem, which, viewed either from the Home or the Colonial point of view, is one of the most important of the day.

The British Government pays large sums for printing and distributing consular reports from all parts of the world, and the London and Provincial newspapers publish copious extracts from these reports, the result being that many desirable emigrants are attracted to foreign countries, many of whom would otherwise have settled in Canada, Australia or some other British Colony. If these consular reports accurately represented the conditions of life in the countries, from which they are sent, less objection could be taken to these pictured attractions of foreign countries. As a matter of fact, however, the instructions to consuls for the preparation of such reports preclude reference to political matters and matters likely to be offensive to the residents of the place, to which the consular office is accredited, and, in consequence as guides to intending emigrants, they are somewhat misleading. A few years ago, Her Majesty's Consul at Galveston stated, in effect, in one of his reports, that he could only recommend the scum of Europe to settle in the State of Texas. This of course he had no right to say. And at the request of the United States Government he was transferred to another country. This incident suggested to me the desirability of having independent trustworthy reports from all the countries, to which emigration is directed, emanating from an unbiassed authority and dealing with the points likely to interest new settlers, and that these reports be published from time to time at stated intervals in one of the great London papers. Such reports, prepared by special correspondents; dealing in an interesting way with the social life of the people, the opportunities to make money, the causes of failure of such wrecks as they may find, whose failure does not appear to be due to their own misconduct; the characteristics of the men who have been successful, recommendations as to the classes of settlers