

Answers to the above have been received from the Commissioners of the respective Provinces, viz., Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, which answers are appended to this Report, in the order here given, and marked—I, II., III., IV.

Your Committee also addressed Mr. Stafford, who is in charge of the Immigration Office at Quebec; and Mr. John A. Donaldson, the Agent at Toronto, in the following terms:—

(Copy.)

“HOUSE OF COMMONS,
“Ottawa, April 20, 1868.

“SIR,—You are aware that the public lands in Canada, are now under the control of the Provincial Legislatures, and that though the Legislature of Canada may interpose, by enactment or otherwise, to promote immigration, its action must, in some way or other, be subordinated to that of the authorities under whose control the laws are.

“Assuming that some material change in the character of the agencies heretofore in existence has become necessary under the altered state of things, and being under the impression that much of the money voted by Parliament to aid in the conveyance of immigrants and their families, has been applied to the purpose of passing immigrants through the Dominion to a foreign country, the Committee on Immigration desire to have the matured opinion of gentlemen of experience and practical ability, in order to enable them to offer, by a Report or otherwise, to the House of Commons, such suggestions as the altered state of things seem to require.

“You will oblige the Committee by presenting your views, particularly on the subjects referred to in the second paragraph of this letter, and also on the subject of immigration generally, in such form as may be most agreeable to yourself.

(Signed,)

“GEORGE JACKSON,
“Chairman, &c.”

The answers received from these gentlemen are appended to this Report and marked A B, respectively.

Your Committee sent for Dr. Taché, Deputy to the Minister of Agriculture, &c., and submitted to him a series of questions, which, with his answers, are as follows:—

1. In what Department of the Government are you; and what is your position therein?—I belong, since the 11th August, 1864, to the Department of Agriculture, of which the Immigration Office forms a branch; and I hold in this Department the situation of Deputy to the Minister of Agriculture.

2. How many persons are there who are permanently employed in the Emigration Service outside of the Department? What are their names, places of residence, and emoluments, respectively?—The permanent staff of the Emigration Service outside of the Department is now composed of fifteen persons, distributed in eight different agencies, located in the principal cities of Canada, viz., at Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia; at St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick; at Quebec and Montreal, in the Province of Quebec; at Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario.

There is, besides, a temporary Agent in England, now residing at Wolverhampton, in the Midland Districts; and a temporary local Agent in the Province of Quebec, residing at Sherbrooke, in the Eastern Townships.

The following is a list of all these persons, indicating their names, offices, residences, and emoluments:—