

## No. 11.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MR. JOHN SUMNER, DOMINION TRAVELLING  
AGENT.

CARLETON PLACE, ONTARIO,  
31st December, 1873.

SIR, I have the honor to submit my report as travelling immigration agent for the summer season of 1873.

Under instructions from your Department I have since the 19th May last taken charge of the emigrants from thirty-four (34) different steamships, going with them as far west as in my judgment was necessary; mostly to Belleville, occasionally to Toronto.

I have during the season distributed to the emigrants a large number of pamphlets furnished by the Department (those on Manitoba seem to be in most request), and have also given them all requisite information, whether asked for or not, and from my thorough knowledge of the country it has without doubt tended to good.

The accommodation given by the Grand Trunk Railway Company has been superior, as far as cars were concerned, to that of 1872, and the road from Quebec to Toronto is now in very good order, and all the officers of same, with whom I have come in contact, very obliging. But the time occupied from Quebec to Toronto is seldom less than 48 hours.

The refreshment rooms are as usual; the one at Lachine Junction much better than formerly. In order to make it really useful the building should be undermined, water pipes from the main introduced that the immigrants may wash, and stoves placed therein.

The placing of stoves in one of the large buildings at Point Levi has been found very beneficial, making the emigrants comfortable and warm.

It is to be expected a large number of poor people come to this country, but I am glad to say that during the past season they have been of a better class, and I have observed the number going to the United States has considerably decreased.

I had occasion to feed over 600 emigrants at the Cornwall station at one time in June last, and I have to thank the manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company for kindly defraying the expenses of same.

The Ontario Government also paid me some small bills I had to contract for a similar purpose.

In conclusion, I have to thank the Dominion and Ontario officers and the officers of the Grand Trunk Railway Company for their usual kindness.

Respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN SUMNER,

Dominion Travelling Immigration Agent.

The Hon.

The Minister of Agriculture,  
Ottawa.