

disadvantage, as Canada is. In order to refute such reports, and make Canada a fair and honoured competitor for Continental emigration, I proceeded to Switzerland, where I had to fear no interference on the part of the Government. Now Switzerland is so small a country that it would appear to most of you an easy matter to gain entrance there; but take into consideration that this small country is divided into twenty-two cantons, each having its own Government, its own laws, its own press, (and there are over 250 newspapers in that little country), that the laws are strict concerning emigration, and that one has to suffer much persecution and many snares laid by shipping agents; besides, the Swiss are naturally the most distrustful people in the world. I say, if you take all this into consideration, then you will attach a little more than ordinary attention to the fact that I have formed several Swiss settlements in the Free Grant Districts of Ontario, composed of pioneers from some ten cantons. These people have now spent some three, and some two years in this country; they are able to judge the future as well as the present of it, and they have a correct idea as to their own expectations. These Swiss colonists have recently sent to the Department at Ottawa two letters, which they have desired to have published in Switzerland, so as to enlighten their countrymen as to the true condition of Canada. Switzerland has a yearly emigration of from 3,000 to 10,000 souls, which might be brought even to 13,000. Emigration has taken place from there in some shape or other for centuries, and it must of necessity take place. It is, therefore, quite in keeping with honourable principles to use legitimate means to draw part of this emigration to Canada, a country which suits them so much better than South America or the Southern States of North America, to which many resort at present. I may mention here, that during the last three years, emigration of agriculturists only has been encouraged, yet it happens not unfrequently that the shipping agents send others, sometimes at the most unpropitious season. This state of things will continue until the Canadian Government will accept my advice, and enter into a direct understanding with the Continental Governments as to the introduction of a system of control, to which I shall be happy at any time to give the outlines. I hope it is not considered arrogant or presumptuous if I mention here that I have succeeded in winning for myself a position of confidence with the Swiss Government—that my opinion has been resorted to with regard to new laws for the stricter control of