

With no taxes, with excellent roads in winter, where every man can be his own carrier, with lands at 2s. 6d. to 5s. an acre, with labour cheap, what is it but the want of encouraging the settlement of the Waste Lands of the Crown, that has rendered the improvement of this fine portion of the Country, slow and imperceptible.

CHAPTER VI.

Were a Board of Colonization established in Quebec as an experiment, the only expense would be for a Secretary in the City, and an Agent at Lambton and Lake St. John, who would personally superintend the actual location of each family. If Government interested itself in any one particular class of Emigrants, by sending them out at the public cost, it should go a step further and authorise the building of a log hut and the furnishing seed for wheat and potatoes, which can be done for about £5; and clearing two acres of land, which would take as much more. This, however, would only be needed in the event of Government taking in hand the settlement of the very poorest class of Emigrants from Ireland or the Highlands. And all aid to each family should remain as a lien on the land till repaid.

Were such a Board established as I recommend, composed of two Commissioners, with a paid Secretary and an Agent at Lambton, I feel convinced that a large population could instantly be poured into the Megantic territory; the Commissioners having full