

CANADA.

No. 3.

- 1st.—What funds have been placed at your disposal during the past quarter for the relief of emigrants? 201*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*; viz., 132*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* expended in transport, and 68*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*, in provisions during the year 1853.
- 2d.—State the description of labour which is in request in the colony? Mechanics of almost every description, such as masons, bricklayers, blacksmiths, tailors, shoemakers, cabinet-makers, and wheelwrights, are sure of constant employment and good wages. Agricultural servants are also much wanted, and common labourers have been paid a dollar per day during the summer.
- 3d.—Would the rate of emigration of the last quarter satisfy the existing demand for labour? A much greater number could obtain employment, and as additional public works are to commence in the spring, the demand for labour is sure to be greater in 1854 than it has in any previous year; and the general opinion is, that the present rate of wages will be fully sustained.
- 4th.—State any particulars relative to emigration, the demand for labour, and the means of remunerating it, which you think may be useful? The season, up to this period, has been very healthy. I know of no better market for labour of all kinds, nor any better means of remunerating it, than that which is furnished by the present outlay on public and private undertakings.

Emigrant Office, Toronto,
December 19, 1853.

(Signed) A. B. HAWKE,
Chief Emigrant Agent for Upper Canada.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-General ROWAN, administering the Government of Canada, to the Duke of NEWCASTLE.

(No. 8.)

Government House, Quebec, February 10, 1854.

MY LORD DUKE,

(Received February 27, 1854.)

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith the Report of the Chief Agent of Emigration to Canada, for the year 1853.

Dec. 31, 1853,
Report and
Appendix.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) WM. ROWAN,
Lieut.-General.

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Office of Her Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration to Canada.
Quebec, December 31, 1853.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Excellency, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, my annual report of the emigration into this colony during the season of 1853, accompanied by the usual statistical tables.

Table No. 1.

A synopsis of the season of emigration will be found in the Appendix. On reference to this table it will be seen that the total number that left Europe was 35,675 steerage and 710 cabin passengers.

There were born on the passage 58, forming a total of 36,443.

The deaths were at sea 208, and in quarantine 32, making the total mortality 240, and leaving 36,203 as the number of emigrants landed in this province from the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe. To this amount must be added 496 persons from the lower provinces; making the total number of persons landed at this port 36,699. This number, when compared with the emigration of 1852, shows a decrease of 2,477, equal to 6½ per cent. in this year's emigration.