

providing assurance of what it will do for the immigrant, the other giving to the emigrant that confirmation of *bona fides* of which he is, under the existing want of system, deprived.

The initiative must be taken by the Government which looks for population, and it is its duty to state to the other Government the terms on which it is willing to accept its emigrants. The Government of Canada and its Provinces already offer rather lavishly land free to individual emigrants: let the Dominion, or either of the Provincial Governments, extend this principle for the benefit of obtaining the assistance of the Government of the *émigrés*.

For instance, let the Government of Canada, or of Ontario, or of Quebec, as the case may be, offer to place at the disposal of the Swiss Federal Council 300,000 to 500,000 acres of land, either in one or in different places, say in lots of 50,000 or 100,000 acres, or otherwise. "Place at disposal," is the proper term to express what Dr. Joos means, for he distinctly understands that no rights whatever, inconsistent with the sovereignty of the Canadian Government are in any case to be granted or assumed. It would be for the Government of Canada to decide upon the manner in which the offer should be made and its terms. They might agree to grant the land to local trustees in Canada, on trust to carry out the terms of the Convention; but subjecting them and the land to the general and local laws of the country. It will be observed in Dr. Joos's second proposition, that he says "*cette cession de terres*" should be "*sans conditions aucunes*." The sense in which these words are used he explained to me simply that the gift was to be free, and that the mode of settling the land was to be left to the colonising State, and subject to its carrying out the terms of the grant by providing a constant flow of population of the kind prescribed by the conditions. It—the colonising Government alone—is to organise the system, is to assume whatever profits it can make; but to devote these profits exclusively to the expenses connected with the colonisation.

At this point I challenged Dr. Joos to explain more fully what he meant. Did he mean any one to make any profit? He replied No; but eventually he wished an emigration fund to be created out of the immigration, which should enable it to pay for itself. The offer of the Canadian or Provincial Government might be made either to the State as a whole, or to any Canton in the State of Switzerland. The State or Canton would then, to commence operations, have to under-