

lighted with this country ; indeed, so much so, that she has written home, it seems, such persuasive accounts of her travels and opinions, that I find she expects to see two of her brothers here next spring ; and even her old mother is anxious to come, if circumstances would admit of it.

Speaking generally, I certainly should not advise the expense of bringing out even *female* domestics ; for the fact is, that girls all have the opportunity of marrying here, and few can resist this first law of nature ; and thus, however well suited you may be, you never can tell how soon you may be deserted. The best chance is, by taking them either before their marrying days are come, or when past, if you are clever enough when here, to tell when that period is. Children from ten to sixteen years of age are very useful, and, if steady, sure to get good places and be well taken care of. Many of the Emigrants who died last year of cholera, left families quite unprovided for ; and almost all who were willing and capable of making themselves useful, found no difficulty in engaging themselves. One of the chief wants in this new country is *labour* ; so that none, disposed to work, need be unemployed. And this, by the way, leads me to call your observation to what *Mr. Dunlop*, commonly called *the Backwoodsman*, says, in his admirable little book concerning *Infant Emigration to Canada* : and in all which sentiments I coincide, excepting that I think it would be at present best confined to children of both sexes, *not under the age of ten*, and who would then be so useful, in a variety of ways, as to be able to earn both their food and clothing, and ensure good treatment by their value to their employers.

To return, however, to the aforementioned subject. Mind, I do not say never bring out female servants ; but make your mind up beforehand not to expect to retain them long. If you can, be guided by the knowledge of their previous characters and dispositions, and hold in view that the older and uglier they are, the better perhaps is your chance, although I would in no case ensure you for so long a period as six months certain after landing. There is one thing, servants who are town-bred will miss here ; I allude to High Life Below Stair parties and balls, which I learn are become quite common, especially in London ; both the *ladies* and *gentlemen* appearing dressed in, and mimicking all the airs of the highest fashions. Surely, if this is true, we cannot wonder at female domestics increasing their wages by prostitution, and the men, by exacting a large per-centage from their master's tradesmen, on all bills paid ; which, as a matter of course, comes out of the master's pocket, in shape of an