

The Department of Crown Lands is now engaged in organizing a topographical and geological exploration of a part of the vast territory which extends beyond the Laurentine chain, to the north of the St. Lawrence, and which is drained by the Ottawa, the St. Maurice and the Saguenay.

Last year, that Department also caused to be surveyed several townships on the proposed line of the Intercolonial Railway, in order to promote Colonization in those parts.

Lastly, in virtue of a law passed in the first Session of the Legislature, a topographical map, indicating the new settlements and the Colonization Roads is being prepared and will soon be completed.

Such is the summary of the measures conducive to Colonization and to Immigration which have been adopted by the Province of Quebec, to which may be added those which may be suggested and considered at the sittings of the Interprovincial Commission, upon which are represented the Federal and Local Governments, and which was instituted after the conference requested by the undersigned on behalf of the Government of Quebec.

(Signed,) P. J. O. CHAUVEAU,
Secretary of the Province of Quebec.

Ottawa, 11th June, 1869.

From the Honorable John A. Beckwith, Provincial Secretary, New Brunswick.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

FREDERICTON, N.B., June 2, 1869.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 20th May, last, inquiring, on behalf of the committee on Immigration and Colonization, of the House of Commons, if the Government of New Brunswick has adopted any policy for the promotion of Settlement and Colonization, within its limits, under the agreement entered into, at Ottawa, on the 30th October last, between delegates from the Government of Canada and the Provincial Governments of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

In answer to your inquiry, I desire to make the following remarks.

There is no organised department of Agriculture in the Province of New Brunswick; all action which has been taken, from time to time to encourage Immigration, has been carried out by Immigration agents stationed at the principal seaports of the Province, and most especially at St. John, under instructions from the Lieut.-Governor in Council.

New Brunswick has not, as yet, established any agency in Europe, but the attention of the Government has been, more especially, directed to the object of retaining the young men of the Province at home, in preference to endeavouring to induce a large influx of Immigrants, for whose reception, the present year, adequate arrangements have not been made, owing principally to the late period at which the sitting of our Legislature was brought to a close; this object has not, however, been lost sight of, and steps are being taken that will enable us to provide settlement land, and labor, to such Immigrants as may seek our shores in future years, and we will, in consequence feel ourselves justified in inviting them over.

Tracts of excellent farming land have been surveyed in various sections of the Province and roads have been commenced to connect them with our older settlements; those surveys and road lines are being extended the present year, and the lands are available for intending settlers at nominal prices, viz:—

One shilling per acre in money, or thirty cents per acre in labor on the neighbouring roads, three years being allowed as the period in which to perform such labor. This privilege is open to the present inhabitants of the Province, not owning any land, as well as to Immigrants, and has already had the effect of inducing numbers of young men to remain with us, who would under the regulations of past years, have emigrated to the Far West.

Public notice has been given throughout the Province, that parties requiring skilled or unskilled labor and parties having land for sale or to lease, are invited to make it known to the nearest Immigration agent, giving all necessary particulars as to prices that will be given for labor, the nature of the labor wanted, the prices, quality and locality of lands, &c., &c.

The Immigration agents are instructed to record all the information furnished them, impart it to all Immigrants and others who may be desirous of obtaining it, seek out all new