

difficulty in securing, for moderate compensation induced the Indians to bring him a supply from time to time, and as the flesh was kept frozen he had no necessity for hastening its use. Prairie fowl and wild ducks he shot and purchased in considerable numbers early in the winter. He also obtained fish from a neighboring lake, and all of these were kept frozen until they were required for use. His home was thoroughly comfortable and well appointed, and worthy of being rendered still more complete. This winter, 1884-85, he visits his friends in the old country for the purpose of bringing a bride back with him to share as bright a colonial home as she could well desire, whilst his own success in business has been most satisfactory. Domestic arrangements such as these bring credit to a district, and induce others to come and enjoy similar happiness and prosperity. The miserable log-hut system of bachelor life, on the other hand, brings discredit, for many a young man having capital gets into bad habits of life and fails to secure a success; he then returns to his native land and furiously condemns the country in which he made his mistakes. The opponents of Canada know full well how to parade such facts to her disadvantage, and those who are jealous for her honor can only look upon these wretched instances of "roughing it" as in every way unnecessary and most undesirable. It may be said that there are good and comfortable log-huts to be found, in which every reasonable provision is made for the comfort and decencies of life. This, I cheerfully admit; but these points of character obviously remove them from those one-room huts I have made reference to, and which are only too well calculated to degrade and ruin many worthy young fellows, of whom their mother country and towards whom the eyes of many are hopefully turned.

In order that Emigration may be carried out with comfort and assured success, it should not be left to shape itself, as it were, by accident. The Government Immigration Agents and Land Guides, I have before spoken of in terms of well-deserved commendation. They discharge their respective duties admirably, but something more is needed than comes within the sphere of their duties. To secure the fullest success to emigrants, systematic arrangements are necessary, which shall locate workmen near to the employers of labor, and shall bring all within a reasonable distance of the general conveniences required for the comfort of home life. In the selection of land, other things are necessary besides choosing a good soil. He who would make his position in a new land not only profitable to himself, but comfortable for his family, and well calculated to advance their well-being, must select his land with due consideration to the surrounding circumstances. I would recommend that a Village Settlement—such as I have already described—should be made the centre of a properly organized system. In this village, workmen, tradesmen, storekeepers, schools, church services, medical requirements, could be arranged for. Around the village, farms of various sizes may be grouped. It may very truly be said that these conveniences are provided around most of our railway stations. But we have now to deal with lands which are 5, 10, 15 or more miles off, and these are the parts on which regular settlements become more than ever necessary, and mutually advantageous.

We must also remember that emigrants who intend to take up lands for tillage purposes may be very generally divided into two groups. We find some who would willingly pay for proper houses and farm shedding being put up, if they knew how to proceed safely with their work; and there are others who have no money to spare for the purpose. Feeling the immense importance of assistance being rendered to these groups of emigrants, I have opened up communications with the object of removing some of the existing difficulties, and I am greatly encouraged to anticipate a satisfactory result. I have, in fact, already secured important promises of help which, when more complete, will be duly notified to the public. During my recent visit to Canada, I have been more than ever convinced of the importance of further assistance being given to the more wealthy class of emigrants, and especially young men having capital at their command, who desire to find a safe and reliable course in making their investments. When the requirements are provided—and I know that the Dominion Government are giving to this matter their best consideration—then we shall find the inflow of wealth