

We know, O. D. B. B., that what entices so many to a strange land is the hope to become rich, to enjoy more comforts, and to endure less hardship. In the first place, were this consideration certain, it ought not to prevail over your eternal interests; for, says Jesus-Christ, *What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world, if he lose his own soul?* (Matt. XVI. 26). In the second place, this hope is not sufficiently well founded to exonerate you from imprudence, or rather from blindness, in so important a concern for we fear not to appeal to experience, and to assert that, for a few families who prosper, there are hundreds and thousands who are more wretched, than if they had remained in their native land; wretched in a temporal point of view, since they suffer want in the midst of strangers who, after having taken advantage of them, regard them with cold indifference; wretched especially in the eye of faith, for too frequently they are deprived of the consolations of religion, and exposed to become the victims of heresy, or of an indifference more deadly still.

If our canadian families sincerely and efficaciously wish, they can, without the least danger, easily find here what they go and seek in an exile both laborious and dangerous.

It is since an unbounded luxury has overrun our country parishes, that this emigration has attained such alarming proportions. Excessive debts are contracted to procure extravagants toilets, furniture too costly for the means at disposal, to entertain friends, to appear in public with magnificent equipage; in a word, *the pride of life*, as the apostle St. John expresses it (I. John. II. 16.), entering into an infernal conspiracy with *the concupiscence of the flesh and the concupiscence of the eyes*, attacks with fury the temporal fortune of families, in order to arrive at the eternal ruin of souls.

Luxury is too often shown, in our country parishes, by the pressing manner in which these blind parents insist upon their daughters learning music, drawing, embroidery, and other branches useless to them. These acquirements unhappily serve to unfit these dear children for their station in life; on their return to the paternal roof, they cruelly make their parents expiate their weakness, or rather their pride, which is the chief cause of the false direction given to the education of their daughters. For, besides the time and money completely wasted