

counties settled here. The land is well adapted for the growth of flax, and would produce the finest quality; any quantity could be grown here if there were a market for it. I agree with you that the North of Ireland will soon be flaxed out, as too large an area is sown, and as the crop is a very exhaustive one, the land must wear out. The mill-owners cannot in future depend upon the supply they have been getting in their own country; and I think that if they directed their attention to Canada, and spend half the amount they spent in encouraging the growth of flax in India in Canada, they could get all they would require. Beside the adaptability of the soil; there is the advantage of quick transit; from Montreal to Liverpool is made on an average in ten days. As regards the labour market, I need scarcely tell you that the supply is very far short of the demand. All the farm hands of the North of Ireland could find ready employment at high wages. Servant girls are also much required. There are many men here, who can use the axe, getting £80 a-year and their board. Farm hands get more than double what they get in Ireland, and good board, meat three times a day, and that of the best quality. Would you kindly let me know if you expect to send many next spring. Anything you desire to know about this part of Canada I will be glad to inform you to the best of my ability.

I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

ALEXANDER GORDON.

Charles Foy, Esq., Commissioner of
Emigration, Belfast, Ireland!

From an Emigrant who left Cootehill, Co. Cavan, 26th March
last (1871).

Seaforth, Canada, January 21st, 1872.

Dear Father and Mother,—I received your long watched for letter on the 20th, and we were glad to hear that you were all well; we were sorry to hear that you had lost a cow, but you never said what happened to her, or what she died of. I hope Robert William has got better of his cold. Thank God I am settled in my own house, and I am as comfortable as I could wish to be. I have a two-cwt. pig hanging in my house, a barrel of flour; the cow that Mary's uncle gave her, and 20 dollars' worth of wood; it will do me till the middle of next winter. My house and lot is ready money for me any time I like to sell it; it took 20 dollars to fence my lot and build up my cow house, it would hold two tons of hay. Hay is 13 dollars a ton; straw, 3 dollars. I have all