

NEW BRUNSWICK.

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ANNUAL REPORT of the Emigration Officer for *New Brunswick.*

To His Excellency the Honourable *J. H. T. Manners Sutton*, Lieutenant-Governor, &c. &c. &c.

Government Emigration Office,
St. John, 18 January 1858.

May it please your Excellency,

1. HEREWITH I have the honour to submit the annual abstract of immigration to this province for the year 1857, showing the whole number of immigrants from the United Kingdom during the year to be 551 souls. These landed at the port of St. John, and I am not advised of immigrants having landed at any other port in the province.

2. These immigrants were brought from the United Kingdom in 17 vessels, three only of which came under the provisions of the Passengers Act. They all landed in good health, and there were no deaths on the voyage. With few exceptions, all the immigrants of the year remained in the province.

3. Owing to the demand for labour during the past season on the two lines of railway now in course of construction in this province, there has been a large immigration into it from the United States and the neighbouring colonies, the amount of which it is impossible to ascertain exactly, but it cannot be much less than 3,000 souls. I am advised that the construction of these two lines of railway will be vigorously prosecuted during the coming season, and that in addition to the workmen now employed, from 1,200 to 1,500 able-bodied men (unskilled labourers) will find employment on the railway works for the next two years, at 1 dollar, equal to 4s. 2d. sterling, per day.

4. A number of mechanics of the description usually needed on railways will also be required, in proportion to the unskilled labour, and these mechanics will be sure of employment for two seasons, at fair wages.

5. A considerable number of farm servants, both male and female, will readily find employment throughout the province at good wages. Female servants are much needed both in town and country.

6. Nothing having been done during the past season towards opening up tracts of land for settlers, or giving other facilities for promoting the settlement of the country, that matter remains precisely as it stood at the close of last year. Whatever system may be adopted by the Executive, it is to be hoped that energetic action will be taken during the coming season to promote this most desirable object.

All which is most respectfully submitted by your Excellency's, &c. &c. &c.

(signed) *M. H. Perley*,
H. M. Emigration Officer.

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Enclosure.

	Souls.
In 1855	- 1,405
1856	- 712
1857	- 551