

shown since that this remark was true, for already the emigration to the States has increased one-third to what it was last year, and if Canada will not again lose her chance, as she did twenty-five years ago, she must set to work without any delay whatever.

A feeling of shame overcomes me while I speak such words of self-assertion. I do it unwillingly, but necessity compels me. I owed this explanation to the advancement of the cause, and for the understanding of my true motives; I owe it to the Government which had accepted my services, and the one who may deem it advisable to continue them. To those who find it preposterous, perhaps, that a woman should dabble in such public matters, I reply, that nature is fickle sometimes in the distribution of her gifts and talents. The true and high-minded men of our time recognize in various ways that the gifts of self-devotion, energy, enthusiasm, and moral courage are to be despised in no one, and that the cases where women rendered considerable service, even to the State, are worthy of record and recognition. The English nation, governed by the most excellent of Queens, should be the last lacking of chivalry in acknowledging the services of women. In the field of emigration itself I mention one brilliant name, which may not be so familiar here as that of Miss Macpherson, Mrs. Caroline Chisholm, wife of Mayor Chisholm, who lived in Australia for a certain number of years, during which time she settled over 16,000 of her countrymen, and, on her return to England she was helpful to many others. Her experience has been invaluable to the Colonial office, and by doing this "rational charity," neither England nor Australia were any the worse for it. And altogether, I would suggest that you would not be quite so fastidious as to the money the people bring with them, and the letters of recommendation. The most flourishing colonies in Australia are the penal colonies, a proof how beneficially a transplantation of a sickly plant upon virgin ground and into God's pure air operates—a cause of rejoicing to all persons possessed of the milk of human sympathy and true charity.

As for myself, I had to do this work; it came to me as a mission. My previous life and aspirations seemed a preparation and an education for it. I would say with the Quaker, "the Spirit moved me." But I have done it in a very quiet, unassuming, and womanly way, and do not think that I have brought any ridicule upon the position of delegate of the Canadian Government.

You are aware that in the North and North-West of this Province