

tages that we are in a position to offer them, if only once made thoroughly acquainted with them, we have no manner of doubt. But while they remain in total ignorance of the requirements and position of our country, if not of our very existence as a people, it can scarcely be expected that either themselves or their money will find their way hither. A proper dissemination in the proper quarter of such truthful information with respect to our country's advantages to capitalists of all grades at the present time, is therefore the main object we have to gain.

This, it appears to us, can only be accomplished by the appointment of suitable agents—well informed, intelligent men—to be located in the leading cities of the old country, and who would be competent to bring the subject ably and thoroughly before the more intelligent portions of the community. They should of course be men able to use their pens with some effect, and should be sufficiently well paid, to command respect among the better orders of society.

If a system of agencies on this principle were established and well conducted, we would venture to say that a class of men would soon be attracted to this country, that would present a most gratifying contrast to the poor unfortunate, penniless creatures, that are brought here under the existing system, and to whom, in our present condition, we are able to offer little other encouragement than a loaf of bread and a railway pass to assist them into the neighbouring States.

The subject is one of considerable importance, and bears immediately on our future prospects, and we had hoped to have seen it “grappled with” during the last session; but as this has failed us, we can only further hope that the matter will yet be taken up by the government, and that some sound movement will yet be made in the direction we have suggested.

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## BANKING IN CANADA.

The high character hitherto borne by the Banking Institutions of Canada is a subject of general remark, not only in our own country but also in the adjoining states of the American Union; and when it is remembered that in most new countries a sound system of banking has only been arrived at after repeated and disastrous failures, the uniform and uninterrupted success of the Canadian Banks is certainly matter for congratulation.