

lars outright, instead of going through the expensive process of importing immigrants. The chief end to be attained, however, we imagine, to be the importation of prospective taxpayers, to help bear the burden of the Canadian debt, and we think it reasonable to suppose that, if a sensible policy be planned, and vigorously carried out, the country would reap an immense advantage from it. But it must be a very different policy from that hitherto pursued. Instead of purchasing hundreds of thousands of local advertising pamphlets, sending "reverend" lecturers to draw large salaries for preaching a few sermons mentioning Canada, and maintaining two or three large official staffs in England, with a heavily-paid High Commissioner; let a number of townships of good land be opened up for settlement on favorable terms to settlers with moderate capital, guaranteeing them transportation facilities at reasonable rates to markets, and providing school facilities for each district at once. Settlement should be encouraged round certain centres; and if necessary, arrangements should be made with the C. P. R. for including their lands in the arrangement. Instead of inveigling a number of immigrants into the country, and then leaving them to find a suitable corner or not as might happen, and often forcing men into the wilderness where disgust with such a policy often leads men to finally select the States for a home, such a plan would soon result in our western provinces being filled with a prosperous set of townships, surrounding flourishing villages and cities. As far as possible, the present towns should be utilized in the scheme, and the lands surrounding them might be expropriated by the Government for the purpose. The plan might entail a larger outlay upon each immigrant actually landed; but, on the whole, we think it would not cost a tithe of the expenditure under the old system; and we see no reason why the advantages of the plan should not be open to the men who are already in Canada, and some of whom appear anxious to do something better than idle about the towns in search of work.

Toronto's New Board of Control.

The new Board of Control—Aldermen Lamb, Graham and McMurrich (with the Mayor)—is now fairly at work, and if its members act honestly and vigorously, after availing themselves of the experience of the city's competent and experienced officials, they may go a long way to redeem the city from its bad reputation for corruption. At its first public meeting on Friday afternoon, Controller Graham announced that he had been interviewed by several persons in connection with contracts, but said that any such interviews would only prejudice the case of the contractors, whom he accordingly warned. It is worth record that he charged Controller Lamb with sending the interviewers to him; and that the Mayor afterwards in Council owned that he had sent some of the interviewers to Ald. Graham "in order to get rid of them." This invertebrate sort of business won't do, gentlemen. Each man must assume responsibility for his own share of the work of cleaning out the stable, and not attempt to throw the duty for which he is paid upon other men.