

power, its minerals, its timber—so capable of being turned to profitable account, and a system of agriculture more perfect, it must be confessed, than that which prevails in other parts of the country, even the breeds of domestic animals superior to those of the Seigniories, form a combination of advantages which will always guarantee to him a supply of necessaries and even superfluities greater than any other locality in Lower Canada can offer.

Why then should the French Canadian emigrate to a foreign country? Does he seek a larger share of the goods of Fortune? If Fortune smiles on him in a foreign land, he may perhaps realize a portion of his wishes; but the respect, the esteem of his fellow-citizens, the prosperity which he may enjoy among foreigners, will never make him forget his country. Staying in his native land, can he not enjoy all these things, amidst his brethren, his friends, his fellow-countrymen? In the land of his exile, will the sun shine as pleasantly on him as in his own native country? At the last closing scene, new friends may gather round his death-bed; will they be able to efface from his memory the friends of his childhood, the bright hours of his infancy? or will she be there who watched over him in the cradle, who has shed many bitter tears for his absence? will she be there to receive his last sigh, and lighten to him the dark horrors of the tomb?

But we are wandering from the subject. Hitherto we have looked only on the advantages offered by our Township lands; we have passed unnoticed the obstacles which obstruct the settler. They exist however, and some of a nature not now to be removed; to others it is not yet too late to apply the appropriate remedy.

To the emigrant, it is no matter of reproach, that he has quitted his country. It is vain, to invite him to share the advantages to be found at home, if these advantages are more than counterbalanced by obstacles which he can never overcome. Our appeal lies then to those whom their position and their influence enable to provide a remedy for these crying evils. From their hands the country expects