

every possible facility to persons desirous of settling in our province. Over six million acres of land have been surveyed and divided into lots fit for settlement. Nearly half of this area is traversed by good colonisation roads; and along eight of the great colonisation roads free grants are given to settlers of limited means. To aid and assist colonists, colonisation societies have been formed, which are subsidised by the Government. A colonisation railway scheme has been inaugurated, which is doing good work, and, year after year, large sums of money are voted by Parliament to aid in opening the country and in furtherance of colonisation. You will understand why we want settlers when you remember that our province comprises a territory of 129 millions of acres. We give great inducements—free and cheap cultivable land—cheap, because the price of Crown lands ranges from twenty to thirty and sixty cents per acre. This value in money barely covers the cost of surveying, and is adequate to giving the land away in the bush form without roads. There can be no vitiations with us, for titles to land are guaranteed by the Government. Land sharking, as it is picturesquely called, does not exist; the man who takes a lot of land and complies with the conditions of settlement need have no fears because he holds from the Crown. So well guarded is the settler that, under and by virtue of the "Homestead Law," what is required for his maintenance, and the bulk of the things required for the working of the farm, for the ten years after his occupancy of his land, are exempt from seizure and sale by virtue of a writ of execution emanating from any court in the province. The law in this respect is so carefully framed that it grants protection to the settler without at the same time destroying his credit. These, I think, you will admit to be great inducements held out to intending emigrants.

Now, sir, the chances of success in Quebec are neither narrow nor critical—active, enterprising men, whose activity and enterprise are somewhat out of place here where competition is too great, with us find themselves in their proper sphere. A willing arm and a stout heart are all that are required in the settler. There are, of course, exceptional and peculiar opportunities, as they are termed in Canada; but I assure you that there is no position there of the sinecure character, or suited for the indolent. Feeble beings, and men of docile natures, brought up and pampered by affectionate relatives, run greater chances of quiet