

ing the inadequacy of the arrangements, in regard to a large party in Somersetshire, that arrived in Quebec while I was there — I think there were one hundred and fifty, seemingly of the class of agricultural labourers, and they were under the charge of a respectable parish overseer, whose duty it was to have justice done to them on board ship, and to land them at Montreal. There they were to be absolutely cast adrift, each man receiving £4; but no arrangements having been contemplated for locating them, or for providing work, they would very quickly be relieved of their cash by the tavern-keepers, and left destitute, a heavy burden to themselves, and a nuisance to the province.

Had the money been secured and judiciously expended, it would have sufficed to place them in comfort and independence. Some weeks after, I met with several of these poor fellows, in the Upper Province, wandering about in search of service or employment.

In this case, the fault lay in the system, not in the emigrants; but there are innumerable instances, where the emigrant has only to blame himself for failure and disappointment. The history of a Yorkshire farmer and his wife, who returned to Britain in the same packet with myself, will, in some degree, illustrate this position. An unmarried uncle, who had emigrated to America, returned to England, for the purpose of realizing a legacy, and gave such accounts of Michigan (for it was in that land of promise the scene lay) as to induce this man and his wife to emigrate also, about two years ago. He was a stout, steady looking man, in the prime of life; the wife seemed very little calculated for encountering any hardship. Upon conversing with him, I found him totally ignorant of the distinguishing features of Michigan. He said land was "fair enough; that his uncle offered him eighty acres to himself, but that it was not worth having; it was *no farm*, it was *all wild*, and a loghouse (the wife added) just fit for pigs." The uncle then proposed to him to work his *made farm*, on shares, by which he would have had one-half to himself; but neither did this suit his expectations. "He said that was merely to make him toil like a *slave*, when his uncle would live like a gentleman; he had never been a servant to any man, and he would not begin in America, if he could find bread in England."

In short, a child died, the wife took a disgust at the country, and here he was on his way home, after spending time

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