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CANADA (DOCKYARD ARTIZANS).

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(*Mr. Kinnaird.*)

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Colonial Office, }  
May 1869. }

W. MONSELL.

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— No. 1. —

TELEGRAM.

Earl *Granville* to Sir *John Young*.

ADMIRALTY consent to take to *Canada* some hundreds of artizans discharged last year from Government dockyards with their families. Will officers of Government receive them, and give same facilities as to other immigrants. All selected with a view to character. Answer immediately.

7 April 1869.

— No. 2. —

TELEGRAM.

Lord *Granville* to Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Fredericton,

8 April 1869.

It is said that employment on railways or otherwise might be found in New Brunswick for some hundreds of persons who have hitherto been dockyard artizans, if sent out at once. Is this true?

— No. 3. —

TELEGRAM.

Sir *John Young* to Lord *Granville*, Colonial Office, London.

8 April 1869.

CANADIAN Government will be happy to receive dockyard emigrants, giving same facilities as to others, but to prevent disappointment it will be better to await explanatory letter from me before finally deciding.

— No. 4. —

TELEGRAM.

Lieutenant Governor *Wilmot*, Fredericton, to Lord *Granville*, London.

10 April 1869.

SOME hundreds of artizans not in iron and railway labourers wanted for railways, and can be absorbed.

— No. 5. —

(No. 36.)

Governor the Right Hon. Sir *John Young*, Bart., to the Earl *Granville*, K.G.Government House, Ottawa,  
8 April 1869.

(Received, 23 April 1869.)

My Lord,

I SENT a message this morning, by the cable, in answer to your telegraphic inquiry of yesterday. It stated that the Government of the Dominion would gladly give the same facilities to the immigrants, proposed to be sent out by the Admiralty, as to others arriving in Canada.

It is desirable, however, that no undue expectations should be raised as to the extent of those facilities.

There is an emigrant tax imposed by law for the support of emigrant hospitals, and the protection of the emigrant himself and his family. This, probably, Parliament would allow the Ministers to give up in the present case.

An application to that effect will be duly submitted for Parliamentary sanction.

The Government agent will meet the ships at Quebec, and give the best advice and assistance as to destination and the most available fields of labour. This is about all that the Dominion Government can do.

The Government of the Province of Ontario make free grants of land in some districts, but such grants will, I fancy, be of little value to artizans who want immediate employment as such.

In the spring the men will, probably, find employment on the Intercolonial Railway, until they can get engagements in their several trades.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *John Young*.

— No. 6. —

(No. 63.)

The Earl *Granville*, K.G., to the Right Honourable Sir *J. Young*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 10 April 1869.

I ENCLOSE the copy of a letter which I have received from the Emigration Commissioners, on a matter which formed the subject of my telegram of 8th instant.

It appears improbable, on inquiry, that anything like the expected number of emigrants will be sent out. Probably not more than three or four hundred souls will accept the offer made them.

It is also at present intended to send these people, not on the 20th instant, but by a ship which will leave a few days later, after I shall have received from you the explanation which you promise in your telegraphic despatch.

The immediate return of the ships being absolutely necessary, I need hardly urge on you the expediency of taking steps to secure the prompt disembarkation of the emigrants.

I shall keep you informed of the numbers and occupations of the probable emigrants, in order that you may have every facility which I can give you for ensuring their speedy employment after their arrival.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Granville*.

5 April 1869.

## Enclosures in No. 6.

Sir,

Emigration Board, 5 April 1869.

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith, for Earl Granville's information, the copy of a letter we have received from the Admiralty, stating that the Lords Commissioners have consented to sanction the conveyance to Quebec, in transports going there on public service, of 1,000 or 1,500 of the artizans recently discharged from Her Majesty's Dockyards. Their Lordships accordingly request us to enter into communication with Sir S. Robinson and Admiral Mends, with a view to make the best arrangements for the conveyance of the people.

We have lost no time in communicating with Sir S. Robinson and Admiral Mends, and we learn from the latter that two of the transports, which it is hoped will be sufficient to carry the whole number of people, will be dispatched from Portsmouth on the 20th instant. We have not yet received from Sir S. Robinson the list of the persons whom it is proposed to send, but we would submit that the Government of Canada should be at once apprised of the intention to send these people, and that they should be requested to give the necessary instructions to the emigration agent at Quebec for receiving them, and forwarding them to the places where their labour may be most in demand.

2 April.

Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart.  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.  
(signed) T. W. C. Murdoch.

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W. G. Romaine, Esq., c.B., to Mr. Walcott.

Gentlemen,

Admiralty, 2 April 1869.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that, having been in communication with the Board of Treasury on the subject of the distress which prevails at the dockyard towns, partly occasioned by the large discharge of artizans from the dockyards during the summer of 1868, my Lords have received a letter from that Board, concurring in a proposed arrangement for conveying to Quebec, in three of Her Majesty's transport ships (which were to have proceeded there empty), during the approaching spring, from 1,000 to 1,500 statute adults selected from the discharged workmen.

The Treasury having also approved of this service being conducted in concert with you, my Lords request you will be good enough to put yourselves in communication with Vice Admiral Sir R. S. Robinson, the Controller of the Navy, who superintends the dockyards, and with Rear Admiral Mends, the Director of Transports, with a view to the best arrangements being made for the selection and conveyance of these people.

My Lords desire me to add, that the Treasury have informed them that they will be prepared to provide in the Civil Estimates for any expenditure in connection with this service which it may be found necessary to incur.

My Lords, however, hope that this will not be considerable, especially as the sum of 1,000*l.* will be placed at their disposal from another source for this emigration.

The Commissioners,  
Colonial Land and Emigration Office.

I am, &c.  
(signed) W. G. Romaine.

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— No. 7. —

Lieutenant Governor *Wilmot* to the Earl *Granville*, K.G.

Government House, New Brunswick,  
13 April 1869.

(Received, 29 April 1869.)

My Lord,

I HAD the honour to receive a telegram from your Lordship on the 8th inst., and after consultation with my Council, forwarded the answer, which you have no doubt received.

During the next summer there will be several hundreds of miles of the Intercolonial Railway in process of building in this Province between the Nova Scotia line and the river Metapedia.

There are some districts of ungranted lands along that line of very superior quality, and which may be had by such of the artizans and labourers on the railway as may wish to settle, upon terms almost amounting to a gift. Lots of 50 acres each may be had for actual settlement, upon the grantee working for

five days in each of three successive years upon the roads leading thereto, or upon payment of 10 dollars, equal to about two guineas sterling; or lots of 100 acres each may be had for double the above amount of road work or money; so that putting the day's work on the railway at the probable value of one dollar, 10 days will pay for 50 acres, 20 days for 100 acres; and when the settler has cleared and prepared for crop a couple of acres and erected a comfortable log house, he may, with industry and sobriety, succeed in establishing for himself and family a comfortable home, as thousands have done in this Province hitherto.

Some of our best wheat-producing lands lie along the Bay Chaleur in the vicinity of the Intercolonial Railway, while the bay itself abounds with fish.

Parties desirous of emigrating may come to St. John from Liverpool by steam or sailing vessels, and be forwarded thence by railway and steamers to any parts along the line where their services may be required, or they may come out by sailing vessels, to Richibucto, Miramichi, or Dalhousie, at low rates.

The Intercolonial Railway, when opened, will secure to the north-shore settlers a good market for all their surplus produce, and will therefore lead to very extensive cultivation in a part of the Province which has hitherto made but little progress in agriculture.

Wheat, oats, barley, peas, turnips, potatoes, carrots, and other field crops may be grown throughout the whole district; and I know of no other part of the province which holds out a better promise for industrious settlers.

The privileges with respect to grants of land above mentioned are not confined to those who may work upon the railway, but are extended to all persons desirous of settling in the Province.

The Earl Granville, K.G.  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.  
(signed) S. A. Wilmot,  
Lieutenant Governor,  
New Brunswick.

— No. 8. —

(No. 69.)

The Earl *Granville*, K.G., to the Right Honourable Sir *John Young*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 15 April 1869.

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WITH reference to my Despatch (No. 63\*) of the 10th instant, I have the honour to inform you that one of the ships in which it is intended that emigrants shall be embarked for Quebec is appointed to sail on the 20th instant, and that the other will probably leave for its destination about the 27th instant.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Granville*.

— No. 9. —

(No. 38.)

Right Hon. Sir *John Young*, Bart., to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Government House, Ottawa,  
15 April 1869.  
(Received, 29 April 1869.)

My Lord.

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WITH reference to the telegram and Despatch (No. 36\*) which I had the honour of sending your Lordship on the 8th instant, I beg to state that I transmitted copies of both those communications to the Lieutenant Governor of the province of Ontario, with the inquiry as to what assistance the Government



ment authorities would afford the emigrants who have been employed in the dockyards and their families. In reply, I have received the answer from the Lieutenant Governor, which I enclose. Your Lordship will perceive that the Lieutenant Governor has no doubt that employment can be found in various parts of the Province for any number of skilled workmen who may be brought to these shores by action of the Imperial Government.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *John Young.*

Toronto,  
13 April 1869.

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Enclosure in No. 9.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, to the Governor General.

Sir,

Toronto, 13 April 1869.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of copies of cable telegrams, and of a letter from your Excellency to the Colonial Secretary, dated the 8th instant, and having reference to the reception in Canada of artizans discharged from the dockyards in England.

Upon receipt of the papers in question, I lost no time in bringing the matter before the members of my Cabinet.

The subject is one which has recently received much consideration at our hands, and I have this day confirmed the appointment of a special commissioner of emigration, who will at once proceed to England to fulfil his instructions relative to the promulgation there of such intelligence respecting this Province as will be of use to intending emigrants and to societies formed for the purpose of assisting them.

Mr. White, the gentleman appointed, is in every way qualified for the discharge of the task allotted to him. A long connection with the press and a considerable experience in public speaking will be of great service to him in communicating the fund of general information which he possesses respecting the resources of this Province.

The Government of Ontario cordially concurs in the views enunciated in the telegram and letter addressed by your Excellency to the Colonial Secretary, not dissenting from the suggestion that free grants of land may not be what will at first best satisfy the wants of the artizans only newly arrived.

I should, at the same time, observe that with a view of doing everything in its power subsidiary to the efforts now being made in England to further the cause of emigration, the Government of this Province has addressed a circular to the municipal council of every city, town, township, and village in Ontario, asking for a return of the probable number of labourers and mechanics which could be absorbed by each, the several trades and occupations to be specified.

When this information has been obtained, it will be placed in the hands of the agent who may be appointed to superintend the disembarkation of emigrants, and I have no doubt that in this Province alone employment can be found for any reasonable number of skilled workmen who may be brought to these shores by the action of the Imperial Government, which is the subject of the correspondence forwarded to me by your Excellency.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *W. P. Howland.*

His Excellency Sir John Young, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.  
Ottawa.