

# THIS WILL BE A DULL IMMIGRATION SEASON

## The Canadian Farmers Need Not Expect Great Rush of Hired Men.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, March 19.—A London cable says:

Referring to a recent statement that Ontario farmers were sending over to obtain 1,000 laborers, Agent-General Reid stated yesterday that it would be impossible to fill such an order unless all expenses were paid, as agricultural laborers were difficult to procure.

Two parties have been gathered together as the result of the winter's campaign. One party of 120 sailed yesterday by the *Virginian*, under the conduct of Mr. Goodliffe. They will go to Haldimand county. Another party of 163 sail on Saturday by the *Empress*, conducted by Summers Gill.

Returning from an extensive trip through Europe, Mr. F. C. Salter, European traffic manager of the Grand Trunk, admitted that the outlook for emigration as regards the Continent was very dull. He had observed that a wave of reaction against Canada had touched not only Austria, but all south-eastern Europe. All this region had been strongly affected by an outburst of military patriotism, largely as a result of the Balkan war, and this feeling had been utilized in official and diplomatic circles to inculcate anti-emigration ideas. It was difficult for anyone unused to these countries to appreciate the strength of this revulsion of patriotic fervor. Numbers of emigrants were returning to these countries from Canada, but Mr. Salter thought this would have a beneficial effect, as they would ultimately return to Canada, taking friends with them. Both on the Continent and England the best policy at present was to remain passive, as a favorable turn must set in a little later.