

TO BRING CHILDREN HERE.

COMPREHENSIVE EMIGRATION PLAN IS OUTLINED.

Over Eight Thousand of Them Are Now Ready—Kinloch Cooke's Plan—Canada Took Over Ninety Thousand Emigrants Last Year.

(Canadian Associated Press Despatch.)
London, Jan. 6.—The Board of Trade returns say that 453,531 people left the United Kingdom last year for places outside of Europe, against 449,006 in 1903. Of these, there were English, 175,941; Scotch, 37,372; Irish, 58,308, the rest being foreigners. The United States took the most, with 291,793, and British North America next, with 91,737, and South Africa, 32,133.

The child emigration scheme of Kinloch Cooke as detailed in The Morning Post provides for a properly organized plan of State-aided emigration of poor law children, which, he says, is essential in dealing with pauperism in this country, and in providing the colonies with a continuous flow of useful British immigrants, without foisting the wastrels and undesirables upon the colonies. The number of children kept by the State in January, 1904, was 38,866, of whom 8,372 were ready for immediate emigration. The plan provides that each colonial Government should provide agricultural homes on farms, where the children could be brought up under Government

supervision, afterwards being placed in suitable situations, and that such local acts should be passed as the new circumstances required.

In return the Board of Guardians should pay certain annual sums to the colonial Government. The Colonial Office and the Local Government Board assured Mr. Cooke of their sympathy with the scheme, and promised legislation to remove the legal difficulties, for under the existing law the Board of Guardians is not permitted to contribute towards the maintenance of children that have emigrated. The Secretary of the Colonies has written that there is no object more desirable than that the children of this country be given in the wider spaces and healthier conditions of other parts of the empire a better start in life than at home, and that so far as practicable any carefully devised scheme for this would be of service both to the individual and the empire.