

IMMIGRATION. – This subject, from an ecclesiastical point of view, was brought forward in two different ways. There was an overture from the Presbytery of York; the Hon. David Wark addressed a letter to Messrs. Ferrie and Bennet. Mr. Glass stated the terms on which the Government were willing to allocate a large tract of land on the upper part of the St. John river, provided that the Synod could induce a number of their co-religionists from parent countries to settle upon it. Mr. Wark suggested a plan by which through agents appointed by the Colonial Committees of parent churches in British parts, emigrants might receive all necessary information as to the terms on which land could be had in New Brunswick and the general character of the province. Such agents could communicate with one or more agents appointed by the Synod in St. John and other parts of the Province, and give the names of those persons who intended and were about to proceed to New Brunswick that steps might be taken to direct them on their arrival. It was stated that by means of incorrect representations many emigrants were induced to proceed to the Western States of America and elsewhere, who might enjoy equal advantages, at least, with a better climate, here; that others for want of information were deterred from emigrating, while it was held that if those of the same denomination could be induced to settle together, Churches and schools, pastoral supervision and education could at once be provided, while in the case of settlements containing a mixture of all religious denominations, these great advantages are seldom or never realized. The Synod evinced a great deal of enthusiasm about the matter. It was proposed that a large committee be formed. Some members thought that a large committee would be unwieldy but Mr. Main held that this was the best and simplest mode of extending the ramifications of the system. The appointment of a Convener was next discussed. Mr. Glass was proposed but he felt that he could not devote sufficient attention to the subject; Mr. Alexander Moody was spoken of but he declined to act. It was ultimately arranged, to the great satisfaction of the Synod, that Mr. Stevens should act as Convener, and the following Committee was nominated, namely, – Messrs. Glass, Ferrie, J. Bennet, Elder, Alves, Hon. David Wark, William Parks, James J. Stevens, Alex M'Laggan, and Peter Morrison, Esqs., and Messrs. James Main, and Alex. Moody.