

for use in the Ontario Courts. Zoel Rogers, of Beeton Village, has been appointed a notary public. William Stoner has been appointed to be clerk of the Fourth Division Court of the County of Lambton.

A RAILWAY DEPUTATION.

The following gentlemen appeared before the Attorney-General in the interests of the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound Railway:—E. O. Taylor, Burk's Falls; James Sharpe, A. C. Drew, Captain Templeman, Wm. Wilson, John Armstrong, Reeve of McKellar Township, and William Wilson. From the Eastern part of the Province, the following were noticed in the same cause:—Charles Mohr. J. R. Booth, Dr. Crauston (Arnprior), Mr. Moles, Warden of Renfrew County, Messrs. Wright and Campbell.

EMIGRATION REPORT.

The report of the Commissioner of Emigration, among other things, states as follows:—"Farm laborers, as in the previous year, arrived in considerable numbers early in the season from the rural districts of Great Britain and Ireland, and were, without delay, hired by farmers at fair wages. Experienced farm laborers received from \$15 to \$18 per month, with maintenance, for terms of six and eight months; while during the harvest months they commanded from \$20 to \$25. It may not be out of place in this connection to suggest to farmers the desirability of making yearly engagements with farm laborers. This practice, which is now finding favor with the most enterprising agriculturists, deserves to be far more generally followed among the farmers throughout the Province. As the result of making this system the exception, when it ought to be the rule, a large number of farm hands, who are engaged only for four, six or eight months of the year, are driven to the cities for the winter months or compelled to seek employment on public works, and thus drift away from agriculture altogether. As a consequence the farmer engages a new hand, generally more or less inexperienced, every spring or summer, at a high rate of wages, only to lose his services when the hurry of the harvest is over, whereas by the yearly system, which would involve but a small additional annual cash outlay, he might have the benefit of an experienced hand, whose services during the whole year would be ample return for the increased expense. By this means a class of experienced agricultural laborers would in time be formed, the farm work would be better done, and many young men would be saved from drifting into the cities or living on the precarious chances of employment at unskilled labor."

The grand total of immigrants settled for the year 1888 was 27,222, as against 25,743 in 1887. There were reported through agencies 20,532, and through Customs 6,690. In 1888, as compared with 1887, there was an increase of 8,809 in the number of immigrants who remained in the Province of Ontario.
