

Noisiel, the *chateau* and factory of M. Menier, the great chocolate king and owner of our island of Anticosti. He owns, or holds the country all around, and dominates everybody and everything. Noisiel is situated about thirty miles from Paris, on the river Marne. We assembled at the great *Gare de l'Est*, where we found a train of first-class coaches awaiting us and were each presented with a copy of the circular of the *Chocolat Menier* (which reads like a novel), and a *menu* of the dinner we were to eat, followed by a *Programme itinéraire*, enumerating all the different buildings, containing all sorts of machinery, steam, electric, etc., with enormous quantities of material, such as thousands of bags of cacao, sugar, etc. The sugar is made from beets grown at *Roye, Département de la Somme*, where M. Menier has an enormous farm and factory, all the processes being conducted on the most scientific and economical methods. Some idea of the extent of this adjuvant to the Noisiel establishment may be formed by the fact that thirty-eight thousand sacks of sugar are annually produced. A most interesting description of these processes is given in the Menier circular, which also notices vast cacao plantations known as *Valle Menier et San Emilio* in Nicaragua. These two haciendas, as they are called, have an extent of 7,500 hectares (about 17,000 acres) of ground. These plantations have been in the hands of M. Menier since 1865, and are constantly increasing in productiveness. A tree is unproductive till its fourth year, and bears to its twenty-fifth or thirtieth.

We were most courteously conducted through our programme which was, with French officialism and precision, catalogued and timed, each department, building, machine and process having its appointed number and time allotted to it. Having done the first main division, we came next to that docketed *La Cité Ouvrière*, where we inspected the square, streets, avenues, monument, schools, workmen's dwellings, etc., after which at 5 p.m. we had a most *recherche* lunch, with all the delicacies of the season and wines, including champagne. The luncheon was presided over by Dr. Brouardel, *doyen de la faculté de médecine de Paris*. At the conclusion of the feasting we returned to Paris. There is only one desideratum lacking at Noisiel, to make it as nearly as can be, at the present stage of the world's history, an example of Bellamy's ideal of a perfect social success, and that is the adoption of the pneumatic system of sewerage. This system has within the last two years extended from Holland into France, and is established in full force at Trouville, where it has proved an unqualified success. The doctors will always hold in grateful remembrance their