

promising industries are neglected, and mines of wealth lie unregarded alike by the capitalist and the labourer. In Great Britain the movements which are going on in society around us need cause us less anxiety when we see such an outlet for ill-paid or discontented labourers, such a field for superabundant capital. If, for instance, the wages of labourers in some of the agricultural districts prove that two men are looking after one man's work, it is not enough that economists should tell us that it would be possible by financial and economic reforms—which it would take probably a century to effect—to mitigate the unhappy lot of a struggling population; or if, looking at the disputes which have taken place during the last two years in the coal and iron trades, we see from the fact that, while for so great a length of time large bodies of men ceased to be productive, nevertheless prices are falling and wages are decreased, it is a mathematical demonstration that in that market also there exists at this moment a surplus of labour. Is this surplus to continue to introduce its disturbing elements into the social crucible, or is it to be turned into the wider and more elastic moulds which British colonies afford? Or, again, it is not improbable that amongst the results of the great movement in the agricultural districts, one of the most important will be that the small farmers will find it impossible to hold their ground. They have some capital, they have energy, they have knowledge and experience, and many of them have families, to aid them. For such people as these, driven from the land in which they and their fathers for generations, perhaps, have settled, what better alternative can be offered than large farms of rich land at moderate prices, in a Dominion governed by British laws, without the restraint and obstructions of vested interests and social prejudices, amongst neighbours and friends who are at once brothers and compatriots. This is the nearest colony to Great Britain; this is the colony in which the climate is best suited to the vigorous and active energies of the natives of Great Britain. This is the country which, lying alongside of one great nation, in which there is a daily increasing demand for its agricul-