

first place? Is it not that Canada offers inducements greater than such a law holds for them, and they can safely be trusted to look after No. 1?

As regards the magnanimity of the U.S. in giving their foreigners equal rights with her native born, we may all agree, but as regards to the wisdom of it, well—time will show. Meanwhile, despite her progress, and institutions, I think she would sleep sounder o' nights if she had not given unto herself so many masters. many masters.

Therefore, let us in Canada not ex-

peet too much of human nature. The millennium not having dawned yet, any abortive, well meaning attempt to make the lion and the lamb lie down to-gether can only end disastrously for the lamb.

MORE GINGER.

## THE ISLE OF PINES

Editor, Guide:-I shall deem it a favor to be allowed a few lines in your paper in reply to the two letters appearing in your issue of January 3, from Messrs. Conboy and Emslie, re the Messrs. Conboy and Emslie, re the above. These men know practically nothing about the island having been there only for about three weeks and whilst there were guarded lest they came in touch with the failures. As I know every part of the island I ought to know something of the conditions obtaining there. I will give the names and addresses of ten men who have absolutely failed for every one that they solutely failed for every one that they aver has been successful, and I will aver has been successful, and I will give twenty names whose bank account has been reduced almost to vanishing point for every one they can give who have increased. The advertisements of the company on the island are unserupulously misrepresented, exaggerated and misleading. The figures given of the man who took \$2,160 off 5½ acres is only half the truth and is grossly misleading as the writer does not give the cost of production, the cost of which on a low estimate is not less than \$2,285 or a loss of some \$125 on the transaction. I am prepared to substantiate my every statement that the island is an every statement that the island is as every statement that the Island is an absolute failure, except to the land agents and I am willing to meet these two gentlemen or any mon that knows the conditions of the island with any-hody of press or business men to discuss the matter anywhere and at any time.

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l ierson, Man.

Note.—Mr. Phillips claims the right to make a brief reply to letters which he considers questions his veracity. We are therefore publishing this brief state-ment and are not opening up the mai-ter for general discussion.—Editor.

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On February 3 representatives of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Elevator Company, Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, Canadian Council of Agriculture, Manitoba Grain Growers' Grain Company and the Western Canada Livestock Union met in the office of W. R. Lannigan, general traffic manager of the C.P.R. and J. Donegall, general agriculture of the C.P.R.

The representatives of agriculture asked for a number of concessions in freight rates. The C.P.R. favored a special rate for return to the country of the better class of severaings from terminals, the it could not agree to a special rate on grain alone for feeding purposes. Two stop-over privileges for the distribution of carloads of grade breeding stock, the same as now applies to the distribution of carloads of pure bred stock, it was agreed by all, would encourage farmers in establishing small. hreeding stock, the same as now applies to the distribution of carloads of pure bred stock, it was agreed by all, would encourage farmers in establishing small herds of stock. Present return transportations for attendants delivering carloads of stock enables them only to second class privileges where shippers who desired to do so should have the privilege of riding first class. While agreeing to the reasonableness of this request the C.P.R. felt it could only be granted on payment in cash of the difference between first and second class farcs on the return trip.

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