

and building houses upon those lots, who, after the term of purchase had expired, were forced to leave all because of the non-payment of either principal or interest. But not a word of sympathy was expressed by politicians for their misfortune. And why? Because the government of the day could not be embarrassed by such a sympathetic howl. If those same parties had rented instead of having purchased their lots as many did, they could have enjoyed their cottages, by keeping the paltry amount of rent paid up, without interruption or much effort. But their means were not such as to enable them to build cottages and purchase their lands. Hence it will be seen, that their position under the purchase arrangement, of "town lots," is much worse than that of a leasehold system of land tenure. This example holds good with respect to the occupation of farms on the same principle. Too much legislation is bad for wholesome laws. The laws for the protection of life and property, as well as for all parties concerned in mutual agreements of legitimate business transactions, should not be tampered with to suit the whims of a certain party, but on the other hand, should be held as sacred as that of the marriage contract. The idea of the laws relating to marriage contracts being continually tampered with to suit a few matrimonial malcontents who don't live happily when these laws satisfy the great majority in that state could never be tolerated. No law forces one individual to accept another's terms in any ordinary business matter. When a merchant offers any article of merchandise at a certain price and a customer purchases at that figure, would it not be socialistic in the extreme, for that purchaser to seek by the aid of legislation to escape payment of the whole or any part of the amount due on the transaction. Yet such is the principle of Irish Land Leagueism, as adopted by the leaders of that Fenian Mobocracy. And, because their terms—pay what you like or nothing—are not accepted by the owners of property, they (the owners) are subjected to all sorts of agrarian outrages, and a general reign of communistic terror is brought about in order to enforce submission.