

paganism to civilization, and to become frugal agriculturists. The great mystery is, that many of them have succeeded in this, in the midst of all the opposition they have had to encounter, having so often been driven from their possessions, and not permitted to hold a foot of their own land, except by tribal tenure.

It is also said, the "Government have dealt bountifully with the Indians;" that "they have permitted them to retain an ample allowance for their own use; and when the rest is sold, the proceeds will be theirs." But when will it be paid? Judging from the past, they have a *forlorn* hope, if any hope at all, of obtaining their just due.

But that it is called a bountiful act on the part of the Government, in *permitting* the Indians to retain a portion of their own land for their own use, is both sickening and insulting. Why not also say it is a bountiful act on the part of the Government to permit white men to "retain an ample allowance" of *their* own lands for their own use?

The fact is, that, so far from merely permitting it, the British Government protects her subjects in the peaceable possession of their own land. To talk about the Colonial Government having "dealt bountifully with the Indians," does not agree with the facts contained in the Report of the Special Commissioners appointed to investigate Indian affairs in Canada, as well as other official reports that have been presented to the Canadian public.