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Very Desirable Immigrants.

Mr. White, of the Immigration Department, is to accompany a delegation of Finlanders on a trip through Western Canada, the object of the expedition being to examine the agricultural and other conditions of the Dominion as a field for Finnish immigration. Elsewhere in this issue we have drawn attention to British Columbia and its wants, as set forth by a resident of Agassiz, and it is to be hoped such very desirable immigrants as the Finlanders may be induced to come here in large numbers.

The Queen's Warning Words. If President Kruger could be induced to paste in his hat the following paragraph from the Queen's speech at the prorogation of the British parliament, frequent reading thereof may enable him to appreciate the gravity of his position. Her Majesty said the position of her subjects in the South African Republic is "inconsistent with the promise of equal treatment whereon my grant of internal independence to that republic was founded, and the unrest caused thereby is a constant source of danger to the peace and prosperity of my dominions in South Africa."

If the Queen and Empress considers the peace and prosperity of her dominions in South Africa are endangered by President Kruger's obstinacy, he cannot do better than reflect upon the consequences of his folly. A dispatch from Pretoria to Berlin on Monday last says:—"President Kruger a few days ago personally conducted a church service prior to holding an official reception. In the course of the ceremony he prayed that, if war were unavoidable, God might find right and truth on the side of the Afrianders."

No one who believes in the efficacy of prayer will sneer at the piety of the President of the Transvaal, but frequent perusal of the Queen's speech may prove more potent than prayers in leading Mr. Kruger into taking the path leading to peace.

The Mob Risk.

*In soothing them we nourish 'gainst our senate
The cockle of rebellion.*—Shakspeare.

If no scheme of insurance has yet been devised for the protection of property owners from losses inflicted upon them by a mob, recent occurrences in Paris are calculated to create a demand for some such form of compensation. The reports of riot and destruction in the fair capital of France, emphasize the wisdom of prompt action in dealing with those who, as in the case of M. Guerin, openly defy the law. In attempting to soothe the mutinous members of the Anti-Semite League, instead of compelling them to yield, the French Cabinet has evidently led the mob to count upon similar indecision in dealing with its revival of the scenes of the Commune. The following description of the wrecking of the Church of St. Joseph, during which some valuable old paintings that can never be replaced were ruined, does not make a very attractive advertisement for a city desirous of having all the world and his wife attend its approaching exhibition. We are told that the wild horde burst into the church, which instantly became a scene of pillage and sacrilege. Altars, fonts and statues were hurled to the floor and smashed; pictures were rent; candlesticks, ornaments and hosts from high altars were thrown down and trampled under foot.

It was Dickens who described a mob as "a creature of very mysterious existence, especially in a large city." Where it comes from, or whither it goes, few men can tell. Assembling and dispersing with equal suddenness, it is as difficult to follow to its various sources as the sea itself; nor does the parallel stop here, for the ocean is not more fickle and uncertain, more terrible when roused, more unreasonable or more cruel. In the present mood of Paris, fortunately not the true France, there would seem to be more reason for seeking insurance against the mob than ever existed among property owners on the Atlantic seaboard for protection against the bombardment risk during the late Spanish-American war.