THE SOCIAL HORIZON.

Industrial Changes of the Past and Future.

The unknown author of "The Social The unknown author of "The Social Horizon" appeals as powerfully to the intellect of English readers against the present social order as Mr. Edward Bellamy appealed to their sympathies in "Looking Backward." That the new work will attain anything like the circulation of the old we do not venture to predict, but it surely will influence the thought of its readers as much as or more than did Mr. Bellamy's brilliant dream. The author of "The Social Horizon" is not a dreamer; he is a man who with open eyes sees the changes that are brilliant dream. The author of "The Social Horizon" is not a dreamer; he is a man who with open eyes sees the changes that are going on without our willing them, and with open heart welcomes the new social order which the march of events is rendering inevitable. He is not a socialist in the sense that Mr. Bellamy is a socialist; he utterly disclaims and repudiates the ideal of absolute equality in the conditions of men as there is in their natural gifts. What he demands is a new order in which every man shall have an opportunity to develop his own individuality, and which shall put an end to the crushing equality to which the present regime dooms the great mass of mankind by forbidding them any leisure from drudgery, or any education of the powers which God has granted them.

The work opens with a discription of inindustrial changes that have been going on during his lifetime and ours. "Five-and-twenty years ago," he says, "the shoemaker's store was the place where boots and shoes were actually made. To-day, for the great mass of people, they are made in huge factories, full of the clatter and rattle of machinary. Twenty years ago almost every milkman who came to your door was master man. He could keep his cow where he pleased, and sell you as much water in your milk as you were simple enough to take. Now he must construct

found."

Instead of attempting to get new contractors who would find new sub-contractors who would have their work done in different sweat-shops, the Government (after providing a test by which to insure that the cost of the work should not materially exceed the charges of private firms) erected the splendid great factory at Pinitico, where 2,000 people are working in comfort, and with every economical advantage that capital and mechanism can afford them.

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"Their principal workroom is a sort of miniature Crystal Palace. Work is regular and sortain; a doctor and dispenser are always employed in looking after the health of the operators, who have a savings bank and a sick fund and a burial club established among them. For any reasonablished among them, and the conditions of clothing manufacture in London, to look downing the stablishment, or stroll through its various departments, it is simply impossible to resist the conviction that it would be a great day for London, a day conducive be a great day for London, a day conduci

for the common good—they have earnestly desired all these things, and they have expected them to become universal. They have been wont to sing, 'God moves in a mysterious way.' But that God in his mysterious way should ride in a blaze of electricity, and should lever up the world to higher spiritual levels by mechanical into higher spiritual levels by mechanical in vention—that steam power and the stres of economic forces, the pressure of compe of economic forces, the pressure of compo-tition, the growth of joint-stook enterprise, and the very greed and ambition of mercan-tile men—that God should use these modern and mundane forces for the uplifting of the poor, the emancipation of the op-pressed, the calming down of strife, for promoting concord and unity and mutual helpfulnss—all this has been totally unex-pected."

Yet such is the vision, our author urges vet such is the vision, our author tages, which God in his providence sets before those who, with faith in his fatherhood, turn their eyes toward the light that is kindling over the hill-tops, and the message they hear is, "Peace, concord, mutual help, a closer union of effort."

POLITICS AND TRADING.

Grand President Mallory on the Aims

of the Order At Picton recently, Grand President Mallory addressed a large audience of Patrons and farmers after the organization of a county association. From his remarks as published in the Picton Times, we cull

as published in the Ficton Times, we can the following:

The rumor has gone abroad that the Patrons of Industry were organized to crush the country merchants. He claimed there was nothing in the order pointing to dickering with country merchants. If lodges were desirons of buying together they might buy as any other organization may do. If the members wished to make an effort in this direction, they were at liberty to do so, but it was not

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PETITION FOR A PLEBISCITE.

To the Legislative Assembly of the Province

of Ontario:
Your petitioners respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the following facts:

1. That notwithstanding the restrictive legislation at present in operation, intemperance with its attendant evils still exists in our Province to an alarming extent, is a constant source of misery, pauperism and crime, and a persistent hindrance and menace to the moral and material well-being of our people.

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2. That your petitioners believe that the only right and effective legislative method of dealing with this evil, is by the speedy enactment and thorough enforcement of total prohibition.

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3. That not only do your petitioners believe that such legislation would be right in principle and very beneficial in operation, but that it is also desired and would be approved by a large majority of the electors of this Province.

4. Your petitioners further believe that it is very desirable that there should be an opportunity given for a clear expression of this strong public opinion, uninfluenced by partisan or other considerations, so that the legislative body dealing with the question may be fully aware of the attitude of the electors towards it.

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the electors towards it.

5. Your petitioners therefore pray your
honorable body to make provision for the
immediate taking of a direct vate of the
electors of Ontario, in such form as will
show what number of such electors would
approve of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating
liquors into and in the said Province, and
what proportion of the electors would be
opposed to such legislation.

LEGAL QUERIES.

dependently that would change governments.

He made a strong appeal to the farmers to seize the balance of power. He cared not for Grit or Tory either at Toronto or Ottaws. He believed the Patrons would stick to their obligations when it came to a vote. It was intended to ask the Dominion Government to remove the duty encorn, coal oil, binder twine, wire fencing, etc. He would ask that the making of combinations should be a crime. The abolition of the Senate would be another plank. They had also petitions for the Ontario House. He closed with an exhortation to farmers to throw off the chains of politics and assert their rights.

A vote of thanks was moved by Montary and the secretary of the Prench Government. Minerals are the heritage of the people, and Governments should protect their interests, Lands should be redeemed by Governments, full value being paid for all improvements made. God never ordained that one man should sit still and hold his pockets open for millions of gold, while millions of men earn a precarious living by the sweat of their brows.

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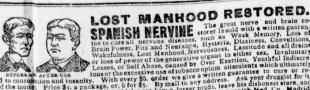
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