

## Weekly Colonist

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## A SUGGESTION.

Many parts of British Columbia appear to have been intended for sheep-raising. The climate is exceedingly favorable to sheep and the wool is as good as the best grown in Oregon. There are in Vancouver, and on the islands adjacent to it, large tracts of land on which sheep can be raised without much expense and with very little outlay for labor. What is wanted is a home market for the wool. The woolen factories would supply. The woolen factories manufactured in this country are, considering the stage to which the woolen industry has arrived and the appliances used, exceedingly good. Better blankets than those manufactured in Westminster cannot be had anywhere, and the tweeds and flannels made there show what can be done with the wool of the province if the best stock and the most improved machinery were used in its manufacture. British Columbia could consume all the woolen goods two or three factories could produce. In these days when everyone wears the ladies' wear, tweeds, there is a good demand for this kind of cloth in the province, and if a good home market were made here British Columbians would soon come to prefer it to the cheap, but poor stuff that constitutes so large a proportion of what is imported. And the same may be said of flannels and other woolen goods. Would not a woolen factory, properly equipped, do well in Victoria? A factory employing, say, fifty or sixty hands would add very considerably to the trade of the city and would be a market for the wool raised in the different parts of the Province. Would it not be worth the citizens' while to give some encouragement to a woolen manufacturing company. The matter is well worth thinking and enquiring about. Victoria should not stand still. It should encourage every industry suited to the circumstances of the country, and the manufacture of woolen goods seems to be one of these. We have the pasture and we have the climate for successful sheep-raising; we have also a sure market for a very considerable quantity of woolen goods such as can be made from British Columbia wool; why then should not British Columbians manufacture their own woolen cloths?

## HOSTILE OR NOT?

The Hon. Mr. Mowat at the Toronto Board of Trade banquet spoke of the United States as a "hostile" nation relatively to Great Britain and her dependencies. Mr. Erasmus Wiman in a speech which he made a few days ago at the Lincoln Club, protested against the people of the United States being considered hostile to Canada. He said that they were not hostile but the reverse. The million or so of Canadians who have made the United States their home have no reason to look upon the American people as unfriendly to Canada. Warming with his subject he went on to say: "They will testify to the unstinted welcome they have received at the hands of Americans, the abundant opportunities afforded them for the pursuit of fortune, happiness and home, and will most truthfully bear witness that so far as the pronounced sentiment is concerned there is always the heartiest and kindest feeling towards the Dominion and its people." Mr. Wiman admits that in times of great political excitement an anti-British feeling is displayed in the United States, and that politicians feel themselves under the necessity of regulating their words and acts so as to appear in accord with that feeling, but he says they deplore the necessity that is laid upon them and regret that the pressure brought to bear upon them is, for the moment, too great for them to resist. He reminds his hearers, however, that the feeling is not American, but that it is cherished by people who have come from the British Empire, or their immediate descendants. There is too much truth in this, but Canadians cannot help seeing that the respect and admiration which very many intelligent Americans feel for Great Britain, and for those connected with her, are not strong enough to enable them to risk the loss of a few votes rather than simulate a hatred and a hostility which they do not feel. When Mr. Mowat and other Canadians see American citizens speaking in the most disrespectful and unfriendly way about the British nation, and acting as if they wished for nothing more than to pick a deadly quarrel with her, they may well be excused if they give their neighbors credit for sincerity, and believe that they feel the hostility which they display and express.

We are very much inclined to believe that Mr. Wiman is to a very great extent right, and that there are many of the very best Americans who regard both Great Britain and Canada with friendly feelings. They have indeed no reason to feel otherwise. There has been time enough during nearly one hundred years of almost uninterrupted friendly and mutually profitable intercourse to soften the hard feelings engendered by the war of the Revolution. The pilgrimages which the Prince of Wales made to the tomb of Washington was sufficient to convince American citizens that no feelings of resentment are entertained against the Republic by any class of the British people, and Canadians as a community have given the Americans no cause to treat them in any but the most friendly manner. There is no reason why Americans and Canadians should not live side by side in the most neighborly way. Neither has anything to gain by quarrelling with the other. United States citizens know this and so do Canadians. And this conviction which keeps both peoples calm and cool when the anti-British element and the tall-towers who pander to them breathe threats and slanders against Great Britain and the loyal subjects of Queen Victoria wherever they may reside. Still we think it would be much better if American public men, whether they are candidates for the Presidency or ward politicians, were not subject to periodical attacks of Anglophobia.

## THE EAST AFRICAN TROUBLE.

The failure of the Germans to establish their trading company in Eastern Africa has been followed by the most disastrous results. Their insolent and oppressive treatment of the natives has caused all white men to be hated and suspected, and the prejudice against the whites has spread far and fast. The Arabs, who dread the influence of both English and Germans, have succeeded in filling the minds of the chiefs of the negro tribes with distrust even of the missionaries whom they had begun to look upon as their friends. The indications now are that every Christian missionary will be driven out of Eastern Africa and that they will not for some time regain the ground they have lost. An alliance between the British and the Germans for colonizing purposes is a very bad one for the British and it is not likely to be made. The British know how to deal with native races and the Germans do not. The consequence has apparently been that while the Germans have derived no good from their association with the British, the British have suffered very much from having the Germans for such near neighbors. The Germans have incurred the enmity of the Arabs and negroes and men who have had no connection whatever with the German outrages, but who on the contrary greatly disapproved of them, have been made to feel the effect of this enmity. The cause of Christianity and civilization appears to have been put back twenty years at least by the unjustifiable conduct of German officers and German settlers in Eastern Africa.

## UNCLE SAM'S BACK UP.

The Samoan difficulty begins to look serious. The days are past when a powerful nation can do exactly as it pleases with the barbarous or semi-barbarous countries with which it has dealings. There are now other powerful countries on the watch, and if their interests are interfered with by the encroaching and ambitious nation, it is warned not to go too far. This is the case with Samoa. Great Britain, the United States and Germany, guaranteed to the Samoans the preservation of their independence. But Germany has become ambitious of late to become a colonial nation. It wants to get new markets for its products, and in other ways to enlarge the sphere of its activities of the German nation. Its manner of dealing with half civilized people is rough and overbearing, and its colonizing experiments on that account are not by any means successful. The Germans evidently desired to increase their influence in Samoa, and went about the work in such a way as to create a disturbance in the country, and to excite the indignation and the jealousy of the United States, and in a lesser degree, of Great Britain. They brought about a civil war among the islanders and in aiding the side they favored, got rather roughly handled. In their attempt to overrule the hostile Samoan party, they bombarded native towns and destroyed a good deal of property, that of some Americans, the abundant opportunities afforded them for the pursuit of fortune, happiness and home, and will most truthfully bear witness that so far as the pronounced sentiment is concerned there is always the heartiest and kindest feeling towards the Dominion and its people."

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.  
James Barrett, of the New York Supreme Court, has given a very important decision in the Sugar Trust case. The action was brought by the State against the North River Sugar Refining Company to forfeit its charter, on the ground that it virtually passed out of existence by selling out all its stock to the Sugar Trust and closing up its works. By this decision it appears that a chartered company cannot give up the control of its business to any combination of companies. The

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