

cultivate the soil. This fact is sufficient to convince every man of discernment, that no system of land tenure can be devised to encourage agricultural industry or to ameliorate the social and financial condition of a certain class of subjects, who are to be found in every community, country and clime. There is a class of pretending farmers in Ireland, as well as in this country, who either through lack of enterprise, energy, industry, or through incapacity, are utterly unable to manage their own affairs; and the only way to ameliorate their social and financial condition, is to place them under the supervision of competent overseers. All soldiers don't possess the necessary qualifications for Generals. There are many men who are faithful laborers, when under the superintendence of others, but utter failures as such when left to themselves. The wretched condition of some farms and premises in all countries is ample proof of the latter theory. These are the men, however, who make dupes for scheming politicians, and become Land and Tenant Leaguers, and clamor for a freehold system of land tenure by purchase. Many are under the impression—judging from the way in which the forced system of land tenure has worked here—that if it were introduced into Ireland it would soon rid that country of a most indolent and miserable class of peasantry, and abate a great nuisance to the British Nation.

Our Micmac Indians are morally and socially the same now as they were centuries ago. The wigwam and birch bark canoe are the same in design as though these people had never witnessed any advancement in modern architecture. These aborigines are however peaceable and industrious citizens, in their way, and have never suffered from the intrigues of political agitators. But had they possessed the privilege of the elective franchise, we have no doubt that ere this some ambitious politician, like Parnell, would have manifested his political sympathy for them, by inciting them to leave their natural vocation and engage in insurrection against the government, for the redress of their low social condition, and thus would have been added, like the Irish Land Leaguers,