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Wanted. Some years ago, a stranger landing at Capetown, if in possession of health and strength, and also fond of adventure, could always find employment by joining the force engaged in fighting the Basutos, or some other of the unruly South African tribesmen. The Colonial authorities frequently advertised for men in the following spirited fashion: "Good Money for Good Men—Wanted—Some strong and active young fellows who can ride and shoot. None others need apply. God Save the Queen." The prospect of riding and shooting in the service of a good paymaster obtained plenty of recruits for the Colonial cavalry.

Even as the poster in question proved alluring to adventurers in South Africa, so will the full page advertisement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, published in this issue, attract first-class men with ability to represent a giant American Company. But, in the same way that the Capetown invitation was limited to those who could ride and shoot, the offer of the Equitable is only open to those having the qualifications set forth in the advertisement to which we now call attention.

A Celebrated Shrine. An electric railway system which includes Montmorency Falls, and the celebrated shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupré, as stopping places, ought to prove a Bonanza to its owners, and we can recommend the advertisement of the Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway Company to the attention of any readers who may be seeking for an investment. To consolidate and perfect this proposed electric road, the company are issuing gold bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent.

These bonds are offered at 104, and accrued interest, and are secured by a first mortgage on the entire property, plant, and revenue of the company.

Only those who have made the popular pilgrimage to the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupré, and journeyed to the celebrated Falls of Montmorency, thus gaining an idea of the thousands upon thousands of visitors annually to these places of interest can properly estimate the good prospects for handsome dividends to

believers in the Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway Company.

*Oh, mother of a mighty race,
Yet lovely in thy youthful grace!*
The Decadence of Britain. *The elder dames, thy haughty peers,
Admire and hate thy blooming years.*

(Bryant.)

Those who, even in the face of recent evidences of her very lively interest in the affairs of the globe, dare to sing doleful ditties about the decadence of Great Britain, may be silenced by the following significant bit of evidence that the mistress of the world is still blooming and showing no sign of failing strength. During the prolonged and expensive strike in the engineering trades, it was mournfully stated by pessimists that the ship-building trade of the United Kingdom would never recover from such a blow. In proof of the folly of indulgence in such fears about such a nation, let us read the following from *The Outlook*, of the 29th ult.:

"On the Thames, in the Northern yards, and on the Clyde, shipbuilders, though they are working at the highest pressure, are embarrassed with the continued flood of large orders. The outlook was never more promising, and a fairly accurate indication of the position of the British yards, compared with those of foreign countries, may be gained from the way in which the huge orders of the Japanese Government have been distributed, despite the "cutting" of foreigners. British firms now have in hand for the Japanese navy four first-class battleships and five first-class armoured cruisers of 10,000 tons displacement each, while on the Thames the Yarrow and Thornycroft firms are turning out all the torpedo-boat destroyers which the Japanese require. These orders represent seven or eight million pounds. How are other countries faring? France and Germany have received a first-class armoured cruiser each, while America is engaged on two second-class protected cruisers. All the ships, whether building here or abroad, will receive British guns and ammunition. Once more British traders have exhibited their remarkable recuperative qualities."