

The Unemployed.

NEW ZEALAND LEADS THE WORLD IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

"New Zealand is far ahead of the other colonies of Australia, and, in fact, of any other country in the world with which I am acquainted, in its treatment of the unemployed. It has a well-considered plan in actual operation, by which the unemployed are gathered up in cities, at government labor bureaux, and are forwarded to one point or another, where they are wanted on government railroads or other public works. At these they are assigned farms, and their work is not kept in acamp to be scattered again when the work is through, but they are ranged that they work alternately for the government and on their own land. The government advances them funds to clear their land and to build themselves homes. In all parts of the colony the penniless-out-of-work is by this system being converted into a thrifty land owner.

"It is not to the unemployed alone that the government gives land. It entered upon a deliberate policy of breaking up the large estates which were formed in the early days. It purchases these estates, if the owners are willing to sell; if not, it condemns them. The land is then improved with roads, properly surveyed, and is resold in small farms.

"A specimen case is that of the estate of Chevot, of 80,000 acres, which under the old regime supported a single family. The estate was entirely devoted to the grazing of sheep, but New Zealand statesmanship thinks that a man is better than a sheep. This estate has now been divided into a hundred or more prosperous little farms, and where there was once only one family there is now a population of 2,000.

"New Zealand's latest experiment is not its least important. It now treats its worn-out workmen and women not as paupers, but as pensioners. Every one who has been in the colony twenty-five years and is a citizen, and has an income of less than \$170 a year is entitled to a pension of a shilling—a quarter—a day. This is not merely a tender form of charity than that which obtains in other countries; it is a distinct recognition of the honest toiler's right to a share in the wealth he has created."—H. D. Lloyd in Ainslee's for January.

Entire Family Without Teeth.

John Leonard and family living in the eastern part of Indianapolis, U. S., have a peculiarity. Mr. Leonard and all of his children are without teeth. Mr. Leonard is over fifty years of age, and has passed this much of his life without the assistance of a molar or baby tooth. He never grew. Twenty years ago he married a woman with a fine set of teeth. They have four children, all of whom are healthy, but who like their father never had a single tooth. Their gums, however, come down much farther than is ordinarily the case, and are as hard and as firm as bone. Mr. Leonard can crack nuts between his jaws without pain, and seems to get along as well as though he possessed a full set of teeth. The family has no use for dentists.

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CARD.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD III:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have been requested by a large number of working men and business men, ratepayers and voters of Ward III, to permit myself to be put in nomination for Councillor for the said Ward at the forthcoming civic elections, and I have acceded to their request and now place myself in your hands.

As regards my position in connection with many important matters engaging your attention at the present time, I may say that I will do all I can to safeguard and serve the best interest of each and every one of the ratepayers of the town in general, and Ward III in particular.

I will honestly and conscientiously do all I can to fairly and squarely enforce all laws having for their object the right and proper governing of the town. I will be watchful and cautious on my part in expending the funds of the town, seeking at all times to do justice to all parts of the town in the proper maintenance of streets, etc. In short, I will strive to merit your approval in every way, should you see fit to elect me as your representative at the Council board.

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