

sioner, Sir H. Rider Haggard, on the Salvation Army Colonies, to the British Parliament June, 1905 :

"I believe that in the majority of cases village-born folk go to the cities and in many cases remain in them because they can find no prospect of opportunity on the land and subsequently, because they have not the means of escape with their wives and children from the web of town life in which they are entangled. Given that prospect and opportunity and given those means such folk will avail themselves of them with eagerness. These are the views which my recent investigations confirm me. If my opinions are still thought visionary or optimistic I can only point out that broadly speaking I am delighted to find that they are shared by such men as Roosevelt, the enlightened and far-seeing President of the United States, the Honourable Mr. Wilson who was born a Scotchman, but is Secretary for Agriculture in the same country, a man of vast experience, by Earl Grey, the (late) Governor-General of Canada, and by General Booth of the Salvation Army, who perhaps is better acquainted with the condition of our poor men than any other living man. I will state my profound conviction that the future welfare of our country depends whether or not it is possible to retain or settle upon the soil a fair proportion practical account the public credit and the waste force of benevolence."

Mr. J. J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railway, some years ago said : "A good farm of 160 or 320 acres is a comfortable, happy home. A man can be a prince on such a farm. Keep your children on the farm and make intelligent men and women of them and the nation will be better off when the young men remain on the farm.

"The farmer, if he knows it, is the most independent man in the world. It is the farm that is the stay and support of our foreign trade as well as our domestic prosperity. The country wants farm homes. Always in peace and in war they have been the national reliance."

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We quote the following from the *New York Literary Digest* of Sept. 7th, 1912 : "One thing that helps to make the cost of living ten per cent. higher in the United States than in Europe is an undue interest tax of \$210,000,000 a year on the American farmer. Cheaper money for the small farmer is the first of our agricultural problems.