

strike, *Punch* had a cartoon depicting the agony and deliquescence of the portly farmer compelled, for the first time in his life, himself to hold the plough. The thought of an importation of Irish on a large scale into the prairie makes the friend of humanity tremble, though it appears to be contemplated by both Governments, the British Government no doubt being willing enough to deplete. Let the Minister of Agriculture sow a crop in advance for his Irish emigrants, as he proposes: perhaps they will reap that crop, but it will too probably be the last. As a labourer on the railroad, employed in a gang, so as to satisfy his gregarious propensities, the Irishman may do well; as a pioneer farmer on the lonely prairie, hardly. We speak of the mass; and, if a satisfactory Land Bill passes, the best farmers are likely to stay at home. There is no use in concealing the severity of the North-Western winter, or the shortness of the summer. Lord Dufferin tells the people in England that the Icelanders are so delighted with their settlement in Manitoba that they have called it Paradise; if he will enquire again, he will learn that some of them found it an "Eden." The Germans are excellent as settlers; but they are drawn by their social feelings to the masses of their compatriots in the United States, and by their political feelings, as fugitives from an aristocratic and military system, to the country which they suppose to be the most thoroughly democratic: besides, Pharaoh, in the form of Bismarck, treats emigrant agents as crimps. The Swedes and Norwegians are equal to the Germans, perhaps superior; but there are very few of them, and they cling to their homes. Denmark, so far as we are aware, has not yet been tapped: she is unprosperous, as a seaboard cut off commercially from its continent must be, and stands high in criminal statistics, which commonly denote poverty as much as wickedness: perhaps she might afford a field; but it would be one, like the Scandinavian peninsula, of limited extent. Of Eastern Europe there is no use in thinking, though the Magyar would no doubt be glad to send the Croat, as the Croat would be to send the Magyar. The upshot seems to be, that for the peopling of the