

ing to immigration and immigrants which have come under my notice while in Canada.

I emigrated from England sixteen years ago, and have been in British Columbia—a continuous resident in Vancouver—for the past fifteen years.

I am in my 68th year; was born an agriculturist, at Copyhold Farm, Whitechurch, Oxon., and never owned a foot of land in England, either in fee-simple or fee-tail, nor did my fathers before me to my knowledge. I was raised among the poorest of farm laborers, and this is the reason my sympathies are with them and my desire is their benefit.

Whatever may have been the assistance rendered by Lord Strathcona in inducing speculators to contribute towards the trans-continental railway, is a matter the space in all newspapers is not yet given to discussing, but experience and history have always taught that large speculation in food growing land is the bane of civilization, a curse to the people and a drawback to sound industry. This fact my lord does not recognize, and would *appear* to induce the very poor of the old land to come over, while he virtually tells those who have a little money *to come over here* and speculate with it, and would leave the real tillers of the soil where they are.

His statement, which he evidently propounds as an example of the bad effects of state-aided immigration, is fallacious in the extreme. What does he mean by "fulfilling their obligations"? If he wishes to know the facts and truth of the whole matter, let him write in the first place to John Silvester, Bella Coola, B. C., then he will know the particulars.

#### VIEWS ON THE NEEDS OF CANADA.

The flattering and fulsome praise flung as it were by the "Montreal Witness" at the feet of My Lord Strathcona as he retired from the breakfast table at his beautiful home on Dorchester street, a few days ago, was suggestive, as the epicure would say, that his lordship was then about "to seize the pleasures of the passing day," and it further confirms that view by stating that "His lordship looks remarkably well and still sustains the splendid optimism which has been one of his noted characteristics all through life." These remarks somewhat spoiled the effect of what he said on steamship matters, and rendered a