

THE BRITISH FARMER.

The advocates of free trade in Canada may have little indeed about the condition to which free trade has reduced the British farmer...

Taking up by chance a copy of the London Daily Telegraph of the 25th September, we see in it an article on the debate on the question "Whether or not it was proper and possible to render thanks to Heaven for the recent harvest..."

Seven shillings for a sack of sifted wheat. Of course at such a figure there is no question about profit. The hapless farmer grows such a parcel at a dead loss all round of about 21 per acre, even if he harvested five quarters to the acre...

The English journalist is indignant at the Government being apparently blind to this unhappy state of things, and taking no measures to improve in some way the position of the farmer...

Have we then some remedy ready which will cure this perpetual sinking in the price of wheat. Frankly none. Those who best understand the subject dogmatically insist about it, but what we do say is that the Legislature and the Government commanding it are bound to give the problem their best earnest consideration...

Who would think that this piteous moan and this strong and bitter protest was made by a free trade journal in a free trade country and directed against the "inexorable system" of free trade?

RUSSIAN HOSPITALITY.

So much has been heard about the cruelty in which Jews are treated in Russia and the indignities to which men and women of that ancient race, of high standing, are obliged to submit at the hands of Russian officials...

baggage had been carefully examined and the books that were in it wisely scanned by an official who very likely did not understand a word that he saw, and everything was pronounced O. K. by the equivalent in Russian. This is how the Rabbi describes his interview with the Russian official.

He addressed me in the Russian language, which I guessed to be an enquiry after my name, and guessed right. He next honored me with a look from top to bottom and from bottom to top, and not wishing to seem wanting in courtesy, I returned the compliment. Fortunately for both of us, as neither of us was very tall, it took neither of us long...

During his three days' residence in St. Petersburg he was not interfered with in any way by the authorities. He was as free to come and go as any resident of the city of any race or any religion.

Dr. Krauskopf through the intervention of the United States Minister obtained an interview with the General Prosecutor and the Finance Minister. He was treated with the greatest courtesy and consideration, and was promised assistance in carrying out his scheme, which was to settle destitute Jews on land in Russia.

A PESSIMIST.

The labor question is at present engaging the attention of some of the world's deepest thinkers and greatest philanthropists. There are some who believe that the situation is serious, but that the different classes will gradually and without any ruinous disturbance find what are the best relations and adapt themselves to them.

There are others, however, who do not take this optimistic view, and who do not believe in this *laissez faire* policy. They predict that society will be terribly convulsed in the near future and declare that it should prepare itself for the shock.

At present nothing less than the preservation of society is at issue. Nine hundred and ninety-nine out of a thousand will not only deem this assertion extravagant, but dismiss it at once as a self-evident absurdity.

The learned Professor goes on to try to convince his readers that society is living above a volcano which may at any moment burst and do incalculable destruction. It is evident that he has lost his faith in human nature and in the common sense of mankind.

CANADIAN QUARANTINE.

The American Public Health Association held its meeting in Montreal a week or two ago. The subject of quarantine was naturally one of the topics of discussion. It seems that the United States members had doubts about the efficiency of the quarantine arrangements at Grosse Ile.

THE WANT OF TIME.

It must be evident to every man who thinks that what is greatly wanted in these days is more knowledge and a more general discipline of the reasoning powers. Political power has been extended to almost all men indiscriminately.

One meets every day men of very limited information who have a remedy out and dived for the evils which afflict society—evils for which the best read men and the deepest thinkers cannot even suggest a remedy.

Charles Dudley Warner has evidently had a large experience of the man of the class who have tried to describe. In his latest work, "Golden House," he says: "The trouble with governing and legislation now in the United States is that everybody is superficially educated and that the people are putting their superficial knowledge into laws and that we are going to have a nice time with all these wild theories and ordinances on the statute book."

The question that occurs to those who deplore the state of things described by Mr. Warner is: What are you going to do about it? Ignorant and shallow men will talk and will do their best to make converts to their erroneous opinions and their queer cures for political and social evils.

Now, let us see whether we cannot form some idea of what this order is likely to be. You will agree with me, I am sure, that the Irish will be first. In a question of importance they leave all the world behind. (Laughter.) They will be the first to be heard, and, unlike some other favorites, I have heard they will have to fear no outsider. (Laughter and cheers.) Accordingly, I have no doubt that, as long as this Government is in existence, the next session of Parliament, and the next after that, if they continue, will be occupied principally as previous sessions have been—with Irish legislation.

GENERAL BOOTH.

General Booth is in Canada. He proposes, we understand, to visit the Pacific Coast. This extraordinary man is one of the celebrities of the age. If he had only established and maintained that wonderful organization, the Salvation Army, he would have performed a great work for the Army of every part of the world, and his soldiers do their work with surprising fidelity, zeal and efficiency.

General Booth is a most interesting and forceful man. He began with no advantages of birth, wealth or education as a lay preacher of a small and obscure sect of Christians. But he soon outgrew the narrow limitations of such work, though he did so as first without being conscious whether he was tending. Indeed, it was the suspicion and jealousy of the ministers under whom he worked that drove him into founding the Salvation Army almost by accident.

the world. In fact he has done for this age much the same thing that the founders of the great monotheistic religions did for the Middle Ages; or perhaps a better parallel for his work would be found in the Jesuit order, a society whose founder, Ignatius Loyola, he possesses many points in common.

General Booth will not find the Salvation Army in this country the power that it has become in England. There are many reasons for this, perhaps the greatest being the fact that religious forces more or less akin to the Army are already at work here.

What the Tribune says of the United States is true of Canada. There are many men and women in the churches and out of the churches who, seeing that the Salvation Army, doing good to individuals and classes that other reforming instrumentalities did not reach, with whom well, and are ready to lend them a helping hand.

BRITISH POLITICS.

The political situation in Great Britain is not by any means interesting. Parties seem to be resting on their oars. The Government is not in a very pleasant position. Its Irish supporters are by no means satisfied. They are grumbling and threatening what they will do if the Government does not do something towards punishing the House of Lords for throwing out the Home Rule Bill and other bills that had been passed by the Lower House, and the Government seem to be depressed by the consciousness that the action of the Lords has been approved by the people of Great Britain, and not very strongly disapproved by their English and Scotch parliamentary supporters.

The Welsh Liberals are also grumbling because they did not get the Disestablishment measure that they are bringing pressure to bear on the Government to which it is dangerous to yield and still more dangerous to resist. There is talk of disagreements in the party which may before long be productive of serious results.

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The line wedding furnishes an excellent opportunity for pretty presents in embroidered dobbies and all manner of other napery. It is less suggestive to a hostess as a "theme" for an entertainment. A dinner to which only intimate friends and the families of bride and groom are invited seems more appropriate than any more ambitious observance of the day.

THE LINDEN WEDDING.

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water color painting than linen, and imagination may run riot if the hostess be an artist, says 'The Ladies' Home Journal, which makes these suggestions. Upon every dish a round, fringed dolly should be placed.

CAPITAL NO. Petitions Against School To Attend Unsettled Double Statute at T. Trouble Among the King—Suit for Divorce—Navigation.

(From Our Own Correspondent) OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—Le G. petitions to the Governor-General... The Marquis department... day of the death at Toronto of the provinces of Ontario.

OTTAWA, Oct. 13.—The two houses to be erected by the C.P. to be sub-let to joint stock of farmers. Commissioner Robert separate them for the farmers. Mr. Meredith's appointment as Justice was granted to-day.

THE OLD CHIEFTAIN'S. Toronto, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—men erected to the memory of John A. Macdonald in Queen's... unveiled this afternoon with music and in presence of an assemblage, which included prof from all parts of the Dominion.

FROM TORONTO. Toronto, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—dence adjourned at the adjourned Westwood case went to show... young man of South Parkdale...

HAD HIS WITS ABOUT I. VANCOUVER, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—berg, the aeronaut, did not go up... balloon to-day, but did a proliker...

HAWAII AND THE U. S. WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—E. A. W. of Honolulu, alleged to be in Wa. City as the representative of... Lilliochani to bring suit against...