#### State-Assisted Colonization.

The question of state-directed colonization is very much alive just now in England. Lord Barbazon has forwarded to Lord Salisbury a scheme for carrying out the views of the society that promotes that kind of emigration, and Lord Salisbury replies that the scheme is not quite detailed enough to enable the Government to consider it with the view of asking Parliament for any large sum of money. The inference to be drawn from his language is that if the society can formulate a scheme which can commend itself to minds favoring the general idea, it will be favorably and seriously considered. To this method of encouraging emigration to Canada there can be no objection. The selection of suitable persons and families, and the assisting them to settle on land in the newer districts of Canada is a distinct gain to all concerned. It essentially differs in its purpose and its probable results from the assisted pauper emigration that certain philanthropists in England desire to promote, and which the Government of Sir John Macdonald has been assisting. We do not want paupers drawn from the cities of England dumped in the cities of Canada, nor indeed into the country districts either, for they lose no time in gravitating to the towns and becoming obnoxious in various ways. Properly selected people, no matter from where taken, if assisted in making a start in farming in our Northwest should not fail to prosper and be an advantage to the country. Probably the further working details of the scheme will be submitted to Lord Salisbury and some plan adopted, if only in the first instance to make an experiment. - Montreal Herald.

The New York Commercial Bulletin discusses the retaliatory measures as follows :-

The "sober second thought," it is gratifying to see, is beginning to tell in regard to the proposed Canadian retaliatory and non intercourse bill. Many members of Congress who at the start were disposed to regard such a measure as justifiable, are now coming to the conclusion that any such device for attaining the desired result would do us more harm than good. It is also intimated that although the bill was drafted by a member of the Cabinet, it is extremely doubtful whether it will receive the President's signature if it is sent to him during the expiring hours of the session. There is reason for believing, moreover, that the vigorous expressions of Western public sentiment against the bill have not been without effect upon the mind of the Executive. Mr. Cleveland just now, we notice, is not disposed to go out of his way to antagonize Western sentiment on this or other questions of national importance.

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