

than the Government of the United States charges the settler or investor. Then in the United States they adopt a very liberal provision with regard to timber culture, by which upon the planting of ten acres of timber the settler secures a grant of 160 acres of Government land, and above all other things the United States Government makes no discrimination in favor of great landed proprietors. They never adopted a policy by which land can be purchased and held by the payment of one-tenth down, nor by the operation of which colonization companies, and speculators can secure large blocks of townships and exclude the actual settler from those blocks unless the lands are purchased upon their own terms. So much for the superior inducements offered by the United States. Just so long as that country continues to offer superior inducements, just so long as the settler can secure a grant wherever he can find unappropriated land for a homestead, just so long as he can buy land at one-half the price, just so long as the Government fosters speculators and shows more regard for corporations speculating in large tracts than it does for the actual settler, just so long the United States will secure the fullest share of emigration from the old world, and will secure a larger proportion of that from the older Provinces going to the West.

SIR JOHN'S LAND POLICY CRITICIZED.

A few words with reference to the past policy pursued by the hon. gentlemen upon the Treasury benches with regard to its land regulations. One thing in reference to that policy which must strike almost every observer at a glance is its vacillating character. This in itself would have worked serious injury to the interests of the country. In July, 1879, my hon. friend the hon. the First Minister issued a set of land regulations which were to come into force on 1st August. These land regulations were allowed to remain in force for two and a-half months, at the expiration of which time the criticisms of the most powerful newspaper in this Dominion, fairly compelled the right hon. gentleman to change the features of his land regulations, and on the 14th October we had another set of regulations introduced. These regulations continued in operation until 25th May, 1881, when we had another set of regulations introduced. These regulations were allowed to remain in force seven months, and on 23rd December last another set was introduced. How long these will be allowed to remain in operation, time will show, but in the ordinary course of events, after being modified