

class of Irish and German immigrants. We may cry peace, peace, but there will never be peace so long as the Irish hold the balance of power between the two great political parties in the United States. Nothing would tend more to cement the good relations between the two countries than for a few millions of our best English emigrants to go and settle in the North-West States; we should soon cease to hear about alliances between Republican America and Russian despotism for the humiliation of England.

It is not statesmanship which, by a stretch of sentimental loyalty, and the fostering of a miserable and narrow-minded jealousy, confines the great mass of the people of Great Britain to emigration to our own colonies, whilst a wider and more profitable field in a foreign country can be found for English industry. Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape are too far distant and the cost too great to ever be resorted to by the masses, and even the whole fertile area of the Dominion of Canada adapted to English settlers is not equal to the capabilities of the little State of Illinois.

A brief reference to these subjects is indispensable to the proper elucidation of any extensive plan of emigration from Great Britain. The question is not now how we shall fill up this or that colony, but "How can we, in the shortest, cheapest, and best way, enable our surplus population to reach the country where their future labour and industry is likely to meet with the best reward?" The welfare of the emigrant should be the first and most important consideration, because sending English emigrants to a healthy and prosperous country is like sowing good seed in a fertile soil—it returns a bountiful reward. But to send silk and cotton weavers, and artisans who have been accustomed to indoor occupations in the South of England, to fell timber and clear a farm in the backwoods of Canada, is just as cruel and absurd as it would be to send a Northern farmer to work on a sugar plantation in Florida; but there is in the Dominion of Canada and the North-western States of America such diversity and