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It has often amazed us to find how entirely ignorant of the character of this Colony the people of England are; and how unfortunate it is for both the English people and ourselves that such want of knowledge prevails, for if we could convey our impressions of the Colony to the mass of the inhabitants of the British Isles, we should soon be as densely populated as the United States. That such increase of population will soon take place we do not for a moment doubt, and nothing makes such a result more probable than the debate in the House of Commons which we published yesterday.

To those unaccustomed to British peculiarities, the tone of the debate would appear not to be very favorable to the future of this Colony, if that depended upon any aid to be received from the mother country, but our familiarity with the eccentricities of John Bull gives us every reason to hope that we are now on the highway to prosperity; that we shall soon have a large immigration, and that the Home Government will extend to us any assistance that can be reasonably afforded us till we are able to help ourselves. Of course such aid will always be given to us with a good deal of grumbling, but we shall get it, nevertheless; and although the bluff old gentleman may give us a lecture with each donation, and insist on its being the last, he means well and we can afford to be admonished when we are being helped.

There was something absolutely comical about Mr. Adderley's remarks touching the ignorance of the British public on the subject of the Colonies, and his statement in relation to this one, that 98 per cent. of the inhabitants were from the United States; we strongly suspect that a larger proportion of the inhabitants of Liverpool are Americans than of the people of British Columbia. But such a slip is of very little consequence; the fact is nevertheless true that the attention of the British Parliament has been attracted to this country, and the discussion of our affairs will give the cue to the people who will take the subject up and discuss it more particularly, and we shall once more be thought of in the old country as a good place to emigrate to.

What we should at once do is to compile pamphlets with a correct description of the country, climate and resources, which should be distributed all over Great Britain; and we would soon have lots of immigrants pouring into this country to create the material on which to build our future greatness. Regarding the remarks of Sir C. Dilke, it will be necessary to state, in order that our readers may understand them, that that gentleman belongs to the Goldwin Smith school, and finds it necessary to go abroad in order to procure food for his enthusiasm; anything British or appertaining thereto is quite of too homely a character. John Bright is another shining example of this class, and to people unacquainted with their true nature they appear to be the most unpatriotic people in the world; this, however, only applies to the surface; they are all good men at heart, but they must always be misunderstood.

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