

item of rent yearly, were now unable, under a freehold system, to pay heavy annual installments, although those latter payments were limited to a few years. These remarks are intended to apply chiefly to the period between 1865 and 1875. In 1875 the Compulsory Land Purchase Bill, to which I have before referred, became law, when the balance of the proprietary lands fell into the hands of the local Government, when, as has already been stated, that body sold to the tenantry the fee simple of their holdings. But, as in the cases previously cited, many have failed to meet their engagements with the Government, and as I write the "Royal Gazette" teems with Precepts issued against delinquent purchasers, while the local government opposition Politicians and Press, to win votes for their party, are crying Shame! at the Government for enforcing a just payment of debts. Meantime, meetings have been held in some of the delinquent districts, and resolutions passed for the extension of the term of purchase six years beyond the previous limit.

I have cited this Island as an example to show that the class of men who did not pay their stipulated rent will not pay for their lands by purchase. They are the class of persons with few exceptions, who are Land and Tenant Leaguers, possessed of communistic ideas, and who would sooner engage in rebellion and anarchy than try to acquire wealth by the exercise of energy and honest industry. In all ages however, right will prevail, and Governments and Nations will have to look to the protection of the lives and property of the most worthy citizens. There is never any trouble with the industrious class of a community. It is always the drones who cause trouble. When labor strikes occur the promoters of the trouble are always to be found among the indolent and lower order of laborers.

When political demagogues and "tenant leaguers" were clamoring for a compulsory land purchase act, under which land proprietors would be forced to sell their estates to the Government, they completely lost sight of the fact that such compulsory sale by the proprietor meant forced purchase to them, (the tenantry,) with all