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A Toronto letter to the Montreal Star states that the Tax Reform League, who stand for the removal of taxation from improvements, are making headway in Ontario, and adds:—"Legislators and other leaders of public opinion have been giving careful consideration to the views of the single taxers, so that it will not altogether be surprising to see at least a measure of assessment reform tried in this province, despite the fact that Sir James Whitney has hitherto treated any such bills introduced in the Ontario house as rank heresy, threatening the sacred rights of property."

France. "The Dutch barges go dropping down the river to Hansweert, and steer north behind the outlying barrier of islands, through canal and estuary, to find their way to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Schiedam and Haarlem. Others are loading to fire slowly from the easterly arm of the Scheldt across Belgium and into the Rhine for Cologne, Mannheim, Duisburg and Strasburg. Others voyage to France, through the Oise and along the vale of the Meuse, past the rugged steeps and dark forests of Ardennes."

Antwerp was a great shipping port nearly four hundred years ago, but was desolated by wars, and as late as 1803 Napoleon found it "little better than a heap of ruins." Its greatness therefore, as Mr. Paine points out, "is not a matter of slow growth, but a renaissance, swift and brilliant."

There is a lesson in the growth of Antwerp for the dwellers in other ports which are so situated as to be able to attract to their wharves a share of the world's commerce. The people must first have faith in their port, and refuse to listen to the pessimists who tell them there is no hope of expansion. Then they must see to it that provision is made to handle the traffic with speed and economy, and with an eye to the growing demands of the future.

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Referring to the prison farm in Guelph, a writer in the Toronto News says:—"The Gospel of the Second Chance is being preached at Guelph, not in words but in works, and the work there being done cannot but be fruitful in raising fallen members of society. The inmates are under no guard. They sleep in dormitories like hospital wards, each man in a single, comfortable bed, and live a life far removed from that with which one is used to associate prisoners. They are provided with good wholesome food and plenty of it, and although a necessary discipline is enforced no display of force is deemed necessary."

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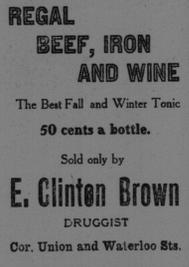
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