

From Late English Press.

From the Liverpool Mail, Aug. 20.)
It is said that the Bank of England is about to raise the rate of discounts, and not without reason, for the gold is gradually and rapidly disappearing from the coffers of that establishment. This perhaps will be taken as one of the causes of uncertainty.

There is another sign which we have discovered ourselves, and have been watching for some time. That is the vast quantity of manufactures exported in the present year to America and the East Indies. It is well known that the home consumption of manufactures, especially cottons, has declined in the same period, to the extent of at least 30 per cent. Notwithstanding this decrease, the Manchester men actually boast, that their stocks in hand never were so low. And they infer from this, or wish others to believe, that the cotton trade must be in a healthy state.

We presume to take a very different view of the subject, but we shall humbly state our reasons for dissenting from the views of the master spirits of this spinning age and calling country. First, let us ask, why should stocks be so low when the home consumption has so seriously diminished? For this reason, the manufacturers cannot afford to sell them, and even if they could, they see no prospect of a rise in prices, or an increased home demand. The truth is, it is convenient to convert the cottons into money. They want money, and by exporting their stocks, they are permitted to draw bills for about two thirds of the estimated value, and which bills are renewed if need be for a prolonged period. If the rates in America do not cover the advances of these bills, another consignment of goods becomes necessary, and a fresh supply of advance is issued.

In this way the greater portion of the trade of Manchester is carried on at the present moment, and has been for the last two years. The home boasted lowness of stocks. It is true in till—till the cottons are sent to merchants who are pawnbrokers, and after a certain period, at the option of the pawnbroker, they are held at all risks for what they will bring. This is, then, the prosperity, which will one of those days produce a tornado in the money market—Every basket in Liverpool and Manchester knows that we are not exaggerating the facts. The Bank of England is preparing for the tornado, and so should every man who is in trade and has anything to lose.

The Protestants of Ireland, thirty years ago, were a sore point; so sore, so tenacious, that none of the newspaper advocates of free trade, above alluded to, have the business of the courage to meddle with it. They keep up the cant about cheaper cotton, cheaper food, the big loaf, temperance, and a vegetarian diet, all for the purpose of deception; but the real object they have at heart is a reduction of wages in the factory districts!

The millowners rule in this way. "Now that a workman can live as well on nine shillings a week as he formerly (with the small loaf) could on fourteen shillings, why should he be paid twelve or fourteen shillings?"

This is null-logic and economy at the same time and excellent logic too. Why should a capitalist be such a blockhead as pay three or four shillings a week more than he need? What is an operative? All he receives is food and clothing. The cheaper, that is the coster his food, the less he will eat of it, and the harder he works in the factory the less clothing he will require!

In short (there is no use in concealing it), this is the point aimed at; and it is clear to us that, without a considerable reduction in the rate of workmen's wages, the present manufacturing system cannot be carried on. But there is another reason for this compulsory reduction. The present, free-trade system has not been honestly and equitably enforced. The farmer has been deprived of protection against the foreign corn grower; the manufacturers are still protected by import duties. This is so glaringly unjust that no parliament can be elected that would tolerate it. No matter who is, or shall be minister, we have only one choice. Protection, however little or however much to manufacturers of every kind whatsoever, patent laws included, must be swept away, or protection to all property and industry must be given equitably and impartially.

We are bound to concede that there is another way, and one which we know many of the belligerent Whigs would not hesitate if they could insure the retention of their heads, and that is a reduction to the extent of at least 30 per cent. of the national debt. Is the nation prepared for this? The government and parliament are asked to do an act of justice to all parties. If they decline, and stow that their principles are infallible, that their commercial changes are unalterable, that the progress of free trade does not and cannot be interrupted, then they will have no alternative but to make the change. What plauso? Just this: having already committed many robberies they should be impudent to perpetrate another and greater robbery.

But we are a detective in the distance. Divine Providence graciously works by means of apparently humble instruments. Before the Whigs can be in a position to plunder the manufacturer, either the reduction of wages scheme must be carried out or must be stopped. The whole world should be roused, and no varieties of tales are wanted now, but of robbery and losses. No, the Whigs must go, or the high remained unchanged. This is the drug upon the wheel, the difficulty—and hence the studied silence of the Whigs—lies in flavor of free trade.

The reason for this studied silence is obvious enough. Conservatism and the military party maintained that the removal of the Bank would not only reduce the price of gold, but also increase the value of money. They were right, but the high remained unchanged. Conservatism and the military party maintained that the removal of the Bank would not only reduce the price of gold, but also increase the value of money. They were right, but the high remained unchanged. Conservatism and the military party maintained that the removal of the Bank would not only reduce the price of gold, but also increase the value of money. They were right, but the high remained unchanged.

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what has been the result? Many of the subscribers to the Golden Testimonial have become bankrupts, and the "anxious" rejoices in the crisis of creditors. So, from his prophetic being fulfilled, and the position of the operative and labourer annihilated, the very reverse is the unhappy

exclusively selfish purposes, as the London did, their grasping designs are invariably frustrated, and end in confusion and ruin.

(From the Dublin Church Sentinel.)

NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE PROTESTANTS OF IRELAND.

This question of the comparative numbers of Protestants and Romanists in Ireland, is too important not to be continually pressed upon public notice. The Papists, who are adept in the art of self-concealment, are always ready to some gigantic falsehood; thus they repeat again and again, in every form of language, and have been in the entire possession of men, who have been led to believe that the Papists are the most numerous of all the religious sects in Ireland. They infer from this, or wish others to believe, that the cotton trade must be in a healthy state.

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