

summing up of this class of evidence, or any collective expression of opinion by the Commission. Mr. Clarke, the late Principal of the Agricultural College, in his lecture before the Dominion Grange, was explicit enough both as to the fact and as to the danger. Canadian farms are rapidly running down, while those of England are more productive than ever, after being cropped for a thousand years.

—We are glad to find that we were not the first to suggest the institution of a Central Constabulary, and that the project had already commended itself to minds practically qualified to judge. It is useless to blink the fact that while our people, in the main, thanks to the justice of our polity and our system of public education, are law-loving in the highest degree, there are among us elements of a more turbulent kind: it must be so in every new country receiving constant additions to its population from, the restlessness and discontent of the Old World. Hence will arise calls for the occasional reinforcement of local authority beyond the measure of strength at all necessary for the country at large. We are also liable to party or sectional conflicts, especially between the Irish Catholics and the Orangemen, the repression of which can be safely entrusted only to a perfectly neutral and thoroughly disciplined force. Other dangers loom in the social and industrial future. Not many years ago, some of the chief manufacturing cities of the United States were the scene of a murderous and devastating insurrection of labour which threatened at one moment to spread through the Union and with which the ordinary police was unable to cope, while the militia in some districts proved totally ineffective. One has only to look at the Socialist and Nihilist demonstrations which are going on, to know that the source of such disturbances is far from being exhausted; and Canada, with a population identical, industrially, with that of the United States, and responsive to all the vibrations of American sentiment, cannot expect to enjoy immunity behind a mere political line. There