

from his country or give his aid to accomplish the schemes of his supporters to ruin the manufactures of other lands with the hope of averting the present distress of the people, at the imminent risk of the future ruin of his own country, as Sir Robt. Peel did through Free Trade. Through the contraction of the currency he introduced distress, by Free Trade he perpetuated it. If Canada had but five landholders in each township, only one comfortable residence where there are now hundreds, and its merchants only one independent and energetic man to supply instead of hundreds, our mechanics only one house to furnish, or one carriage to build in place of hundreds, and they saw our land gradually going out of cultivation as it is all over Britain, would it look sound, would there be no fear that trade would diminish, and an earnest looking abroad to some healthier state of society. Mr. Gladstone says that the agricultural products of Ireland fell off from £39,437,000 in 1860 to \$27,329,000 in 1863 nearly one third. The *London Spectator* attributes it to the tenure of the land. The fact is the root of the evil is Free Trade, which has withered and blasted so many luxurious fields—During the age of British Protection, Ireland exported as high as £15,000,000 a year of her produce to feed British manufacturers, and British manufacturers in return supplied them with their goods, thus they united to make a living for each other, and together united from their joint industry to pay the taxes of the country, untaxed food from America now fills their market while her farmers with lower prices have their taxes to pay—the tenure of the land under such circumstances becomes of no consequence, the cultivator leaves and it is thrown into pasture. The quantity that went out of cultivation in Ireland in 1863 was 140,000 acres, and

in England and Scotland a large amount.

Make a home market and the soil will be cultivated. Just now around the city of Belfast where the linen trade is very prosperous, every acre of land is taken up to supply the increasing demand for those products that will not bear importing from abroad. England's Free Trade is driving the Irish from Ireland and the English husbandmen from England to that land which in the language of President Taylor "encourages domestic industry and places home labour on a sure and permanent footing, gives a stimulus to agriculture, extends commerce," and ignores Free Trade, and the result justifies President Taylor's foresight and statesmanship, it has peopled and enriched his land beyond all precedent, and provided an ample home for the continually increasing millions that Free Trade legislation has, and is yet expatriating from the British Isles.

There is one point of which people are not aware when they think England is a purely Free Trade country, it is only Free Trade to farmers, there is a comparatively higher tariff on many of the leading manufactures than we have in Canada, as high as 15 per cent on cloths which when taken in connection with their cheaper money is actually a much higher rate than the Canadian tariff at 20 per cent, and £28,000,000 of the British Revenue is raised by a tariff.

Centralization is another fearful evil which has been most wonderfully strengthened by Free Trade, the ruined agriculturists have sought employment in the large cities and centers of trade, so that to-day it is computed that one seventh of the whole population of England is concentrated within the city of London alone. The result of that centralization is, that in case of stagnation of trade as lately witnessed in Lanca-