

It is hoped that the Swedish poet Bjornstjerne Bjornson, will visit the picturesque scenes of Niinissakaway, Wickahakaway, Roosakaway, Que-commissing and Hakeakaway, before leaving this country.

Mr. T. M. Coan, if his figures are correct, has demonstrated that the United States is getting rich at the rate of \$2,300,000 per day, and that the average annual income of each person in the country is \$165.

THE FLOOD OF IMMIGRATION.

The past year has witnessed the arrival on our shores of the largest number of immigrants in the history of the country. At the port of New York alone, 320,808 immigrants were landed. The only year approaching this in the number of arrivals was 1884, when 319,223 immigrants were landed at Castle Garden.

The bureau of statistics furnishes the figures in regard to the immigration into the United States during the month of November, from which it appears that 42,051 passengers arrived at the various ports, of whom 37,861 were immigrants who expect to make their permanent residence in our country.

Of this total number of immigrants there arrived from England, 3,607; Wales, 112; Scotland, 509; Ireland, 2,631; Germany, 11,163; Austria, 1,529; Sweden, 1,794; Norway, 698; Denmark, 271; France, 347; Switzerland, 513; Spain, 72; Holland, 115; Belgium, 102; Italy, 1,282; Russia, 457; Poland, 109; Hungary, 797; Dominion of Canada, 10,816; China, 372; Cuba, 183; Australia, 74; Mexico, 261; Korea, 62; and from all other countries, 90.

The number of immigrants arrived from foreign countries at the above mentioned ports during the five months, ended November 30, 1880, was as follows:

THE LAND LEAGUE.

One of the most valuable contributions to the history of the Irish Land League is the article of Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., published in the December Contemporary. Mr. O'Connor first proceeds to show the sources from which the Irish news reach the public. The Dublin correspondent of the London Times is the manager of the Daily Express, the recognized organ of Irish landlords and the bitter opponent of Irish reform as well as the liberal ministry.

From the London events the greater part of cable news to America are supplied by correspondents and the Land League is maliciously represented as hostile to law and order and the direct cause of a large increase in crime. Mr. O'Connor has conclusively refuted this charge in a most able and convincing paper, from which we obtain the following summary:

It is emphatically denied that crime has increased in Ireland, either through the land league or any other agency. In 1883, there were in Ireland, according to official report, 172 homicides, 465 robberies, 455 highway injuries to property, 753 attacks on houses, 3,156 serious assaults, an aggregate of 8,317. In 1880, the sum total of all crimes was 23,891. In 1840, "offences against the person" numbered 1,095, and "offences against the public" 4,645. In 1846 the number of these offences were, respectively, 1,923 and 4,766. In 1848 there were 171 homicides, 97 fringes at persons, 237 robberies of arms, 93 fringes into dwellings, and 750 incendiary fires. In 1849, 203 homicides, 23 fringes at persons, 113 robberies of arms, 90 fringes into dwellings and 1,066 incendiary fires. In 1859 there were 45 murders, 2 attempts to murder, 57 shootings at, stabbing, etc., 3 conspiracies to murder and 102 cases of manslaughter. In 1870 the number of agrarian outrages was 1,320. Now, according to a return made to the house of commons at its last session, the sum total of crime in Ireland during January, 1879, to January, 1880—during which period the league was in full operation—was only 977. For the last year no complete return is yet obtainable, but in the four most distressed counties—Galway, Mayo, Sligo and Donegal—from February 1 to June 30 the number of offences was 187. In the whole island during 1880 only five murders are attributed to the land agitation, and one of these is believed to have been an act of private vengeance—that of Wheeler at Limerick a few weeks ago. These figures show that the operations of the league have not increased crime, rather the reverse.

It has not been towards increasing disorder, but towards preventing disorder that the efforts of the land league have been directed. Mr. Gladstone himself admits most frankly that in proportion to the distress of the tenants the landlords resort to the process of the law and when least able to pay rent are most liable to be turned out of doors. The efforts of the land league have been directed towards preventing evictions by making them unprofitable to the landlords. What has been the result?

In 1847, 70,000 tenants were evicted, or about 300,000 persons. In 1849, 50,000 evictions took place, and from 1849 to 1852 inclusive, 221,845. This was in the four years succeeding the great famine, when starving wretches lay dying on the highways, and the pure of landlordism remained closed to the sufferings of the tenants.

In 1886, 1,269 evictions took place. In this year the crops were average. In 1845, when the harvest was poorer, 1,749 evictions were recorded, and in 1880 when famine was imminent 4,000 tenants, unable to meet the demands of rent, were turned out of house and home. At the beginning of the season Mr. Gladstone expressed the fear that at least 15,000 persons "would be ejected from their homes, without hope or remedy, in the course of the present year" (1880). Instead of 15,000 evictions there have been only 4,000; and Mr. O'Connor says: "The only agency which did exist in 1879 and 1880, and did not exist in 1847 and 1848, and the only agency, therefore, that can have caused the decrease in evictions is the land league."

The Land League strengthened the falling hopes and cheered the spirits of a struggling and suffering people. So far from encouraging crime it discouraged all manifestations of disorder. This remarkable organization has kept within the law, and by its silent though powerful influence has exercised a control over the people which neither landlordism nor the display of armed forces has been able to dissipate. This is the reason that a hiring and partial press has as yet failed with its abuse men like Parnell and Dillon. Having accomplished such great results there are still greater ends in view. Until a fair and equitable system of land tenure prevails in Ireland the work of the league will not be finished. It is daily increasing in strength, popularity and influence. Only Irishmen know how loyal, how disinterested, how steadfast are its members. And when the future history of Ireland is written its members will take their place by the side of the bravest and noblest opponents of Erin's wrongs, and the most fearless defenders of Ireland's rights.

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