

NOTICES FOR STEAMER DAEDONIA.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON COLONIZATION FROM IRELAND.

From *Charles Hider's Times*.
Their Lordships commenced by stating that the incompleteness of the inquiry, the approaching close of the session, and the absence of many members, render it advisable to postpone their final report. They state that in the nineteen days to which their proceedings were confined, they took evidence on the state of Ireland, British North America, the West India Islands, and the Australian Colonies.—For a description of the system of emigration in actual operation, they refer to the evidence of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Perley. To this historical retrospect is subjoined the following interim report:

The Committee will now direct the attention of the house to some of the more important topics which have been adverted to by the witnessess; adding in the margin, a reference to the evidence in which each separate proposition is illustrated and commented upon, and dividing their observations under two heads; first, as relating to Ireland, and second, as relating to the colonies.

Sec. 1.—IRELAND.—1. The excess of population in certain districts of Ireland, as compared with the supplies of food or the means of employment. 2. Its injurious effects on agricultural improvements. 3. The impossibility of raising a sufficient supply of cattle from the poor law administration. 4. Its effect on the price of land and property. 5. Its effect on the price of labour. 6. Its influence on English and foreign immigration there. 7. The beneficial influence of colonial emigration where already tried. 8. The wants of the people themselves to emigrate. 9. The general success of the last emigration to the Colonies.

The first fact has been proved by all the witnessess; and it is now evident that it is not only in relation to British North America, but to Australia. But the evidence which more conclusively, is to be found in the large and increasing remittances which have made yearly sums of £1,000,000 to £2,000,000, in favour of the Rev. Dr. Montague, &c., who have resided through the Bank of Belfast, and similar facts, it is stated, have since been connected with Ireland, has been examined. It is thus, as has been forcibly stated, in evidence, that "emigration begets emigration." 10. The fees of charge incurred by providing for the wants of the emigrant, and the works, as well as the expense of emigration. 11. The sum expended on the industry and wealth of Great Britain, accumulated in the annual British remittances, collected by the Irish government, and sent to America. 12. The expediency of permitting private individuals to go to Ireland, in order to procure information for the purposes of emigration. This is the case, that no record exists of a recurrence of civil or over-population if its present vice were removed, from the growing and extended conviction in the minds of all, that the minute sub-division and parceling out of land is alike injurious to the proprietor and to the farmer, from the cessation of long leases granted to the middlemen, by whom this system was vainly promoted; and from the greater facility with which a mischief is created and increased when it has once arisen; but more especially from the less rapid rate of population in Ireland, as compared with the population of the more advanced districts, by which fact it is demonstrated that increased emigration in this country cannot fail to generate habits of prudence and forethought, and an indisposition to sink in the social scale by making improvident marriages. 13. The possibility of lessening the time, risk, and cost of transatlantic navigation by the transhipment of Americans from the transatlantic steamship to the transatlantic sailing-vessel, and the possible use of steam for transatlantic purposes. Much valuable information on this point will be found in the appendix. 16. The very interesting experiments made by the Royal Improvement Company of Ireland, as directed by their managing director, Colonel Johnstone, whose evidence will be read with much interest, exhibiting the actual result of capital applied to the reduction of the British and the American steamship operations, may be expected to act on a similar population. Having thus pointed out for consideration some of the principal questions suggested by the evidence relating to Ireland, the committee proceed to direct the attention of the house to some of the prominent questions relating to the colonies. In this branch of their inquiry, the incommunicable of their enquiries would be to ascertain what they should do with colonies and how to govern them. Still it appears that, consistent with this condition, the following topics as deserving of attention, and as calling for the evidence, may have been taken up:

1. The Colonies.—1. The capacity with which they can support European powers who are at war with their continental interests. 2. The extent to which this might make itself, and the bonds within which on joint-views of policy it ought to be confounded. 3. The effect of an increased supply of capital, both on the productiveness and value of the colonial land, and on the funds to be realized by land sales. 4. The effect which, during times, may be expected to produce on the investment of British capital within the colony, in which colonization is applied, it being said that such investments are now discontinued in consequence of the extorting of the colonies, which diminishes the amount of profit. 5. The effect of a large majority of free European labor, and the colonial produce in cases, where, as in New South Wales, it is stated, that it has become necessary to slaughter and burn down sheep and cattle for the want of shepherds and other laborers required for pastoral pursuits, and to diminish the wealth of the colony and the raw material for British manufacture. 6. The effect that may be anticipated by the propagation or encouragement of works of undivided beneficence, such as the railroads projected by the Americans, surveys of which have been made, and have already been submitted to the government. 7. The effect of an augmented population in the British Colonies, not only in increasing their wealth, agricultural, mineral, and commercial resources, their power of commanding British manufactures, and paying for them in produce of which the mother country may be and is need, but in a due to their strength and means of defense, and thus consolidating and exercising the power of the empire. The Committee will now use this report without once mentioning these topics, but suppose that, by suggesting these objects of deserving the most serious reflection and strict examination, they are thereby propounding the question, or expressing thereby an entire new opinion of their own. That same must be to be formed as the result of the discussion and reflection which they are already recommended. They believe that, in which the evidence before them tends to show that the house and the Committee, the former the former, and the latter the latter, are fully aware that they are yet examined into many points but specifically, and that those, as for example, of the British possessions in Southern Africa and in the territory of Natal, have not yet been considered at all. Neither have they had adequate information respecting what they already have been referred to, the recent and sudden statement of New Zealand. The other two colonies of Sir George Grey's dominions have also been but

slightly noticed. But the evidence which has been given, both as showing the rapid development of the resources of British North America, and more especially as proving the unexampled progress of the newly planted Australian provinces, is well calculated to irritate a hope that the great principles of colonization, so often treated of among those ancient, primitive, and heroic works for which modern times are unfitted, not only been realized in some British possessions, but has been exemplified on a greater scale and with far more entire success, than, of late years, has been manifested elsewhere in the past history of mankind. The transplant our domestic lands, our commercial, our literature, our sense of religious obligation, to the more distant regions of the globe, is an enterprise worthy of the character of a great maritime nation. It is not only its progress the pursuit and the attainment of glory, but in its success is the performance of a high duty, and the accomplishment of a noble destiny; and if it can also be made subservient to the relief of pressing distress at home, if the labor which is employed in certain parts of the country can be rendered the source of a continuing and durable prosperity to the Colonies, such a combination of advantages cannot fail the more to recommend this question of colonization to the earliest attention of the Legislature.

TYRANNY IN THE BRITISH NAVY.

Her Majesty and Royal Consort, with the Prince of Wales and Princess Royal, and Suite, left Oakley Creek, Isle of Wight, on the 11th inst., for their tour through Scotland, which is expected to occupy about five weeks. The royal squadron consisted of the Victoria and Albert, Black Eagle, Undine, Garland, Fairy and Scourge.

The squadron anchored at night in the Yarmouth Roads, and soon after day-break on Thursday morning, got under weigh, the Scourge taking the lead through the Needles Channel, and the Black Eagle and Garland following the Victoria and Alberta. Before the squadron, however, had proceeded five or six miles, a fog came on, and it was deemed prudent to run into Alum Bay, near Freshwater, just under the Needles rocks to the eastward. In the course of an hour or two the weather somewhat cleared up, and the royal yacht was again put under weigh. By nine o'clock it had well cleared the rocks, and was steaming away at full speed to the westward. There was a small breeze blowing from the south-west, with considerable sea. Some time was lost in getting his sword expressed an opinion that he had been too long and unjustly deprived of it.

While the captain of a vessel is allowed to indulge, habitually, in a language and behavior which would not be supported for an hour in general society, whilst he is provided with abundant opportunity of presenting an obnoxious subordinate with all the thousand vexations of an almost feminine malice, the unfortunate subordinate himself, often a more deserving officer than his superior, is compelled to suffer silence or risk the overwhelming censure of his superior, or the "invader," as the "invaders" are called, and the overseer. Of the indigenous lords of the soil, the majority were found totally incompetent, the remainder obstinately unwilling to discharge the duties of proprietorship on the magistrate's bench, and a commission of the peace for the county was forthwith sent down to the officer in command, whose intuitive knowledge of law was as great as his dreg and more specious, whence he had been promoted. He had been in the service of the Government, but his reign was brief. Under the command of Paredes was intriguing with the established church, up to the time of the Revolution, he was overturning, and banished, and Santa Anna, who declined Paredes' "determined enemy of representative popular government" was recalled, and by the command of our Government, he was permitted to land at Vera Cruz, and assume the reins of the Government from which he had been banished.

It would be singular, therefore, if these two chieftains, so long at war, should not be found acting together in this hour of their nation's peril. If, however, their views are still dissimilar, and their goals indeed opposite, the independence of Santa Anna, we may look for new pronouncements and new rules, if not for a different policy in the prosecution of the War.

It is not considered probable that Paredes went immediately to the Capitol. If he did so, Gen. Scott will be there before him. It is supposed that he would at once proceed to several of the States yet undisputed, place himself at the head of as many men as would flock to his standard, and march either against the "invaders" or the government, as would most likely tend to the promotion of his own schemes.

We therefore deem the return of Paredes, at this time, an unfortunate event. It should have been, and with proper vigilance, it could have been, prevented. There has been culpable negligence somewhere, if not criminal connivance on the part of those who should have been neutral. Our government owes it to all probability, one or two years, or perhaps even a longer period, must elapse before the royal squadron sail into Dartmouth Bay, and anchored there for the night, having accomplished little less than a hundred miles of the voyage.

Long in full daylight on Friday morning the music of departure was heard among the royal squadron, lighting fires and getting the steams up. At four o'clock the signal was made to anchor, and within a few minutes the whole squadron, magnificently dressed, was drawn up, saluted from the castle battery, and proceeded down the channel for the Solent Roads, where Her Majesty remained for the night. A letter from Sennen Cove, Cornwall, dated Friday night, described the passing of the squadron about noon. There were several large vessels beating along, whose crews lustily cheered Her Majesty as the vessels shot by, and one more conspicuous than the rest, apparently an American liner for London, fired a salute and manned the yards. By the aid of glass, Her Majesty was discerned on deck.

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