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ONE REASON WHY THE HOME FIRES ARE NOT KEPT BURNING

| When times are bad the poorer class, whose lot is cast amid the country cousins, and compare positions. Those that do not know the advantages and disadvantages obtaining in both situations, and those that have had no practical experience, often remark, when they are asked to pay high prices as at present for everyday necessaries which their country cousins produce, that the farmers and dairymen and grazlers must be making plenty of money, and they wonder why the land is so empty, and the primary producers so few compared with the urban population. The experienced among them reply that it is because of the commercial system, which is probably the worst in the world, and because of the State Parliament, which is composed principally of city men or those whose interests are urban rather than rural, and who have little knowledge of inland things and conditions; they know that the farmers are not enriched very appreciably by the inflated prices of today. Certainly these useful workers are being better paid than usual, but the greater part of the huge profits that are being made goes irto the pockets of the middleman, who merely passes the produce on from grower to consumer; he takes more for this small service than the Sydney, each of whom can only be set down, at best, as superfluous. The community is forced to keep these men in luxury, and they in their turn enrich numerous landlords by means of excessive rentals for the by compelling the worker's family to go short of half its requirements, their policy being to handle as little as possible for the greatest gain, and to keep up prices in spite of the most bountiful seasons. end we have seen tons of fruit consigned to the tip, and shiploads of the best meat exported and sold in London at a lower price than secondrate meat was selling at in Sydney. The Holman Government, for some strange reason, was always considerate to this class; one of the pleas set down for decentralisation, which the Government was suppceed believe in, was that the middleman would be put to the expense o establishing branch offices at the proposed new ports. with any Government, though at a time like this it should count just as much as soldiering. The soldiers at the iront are relying producers to keep the home fires burning, and the peculiar piebald Governments of to-day seem to be doing their best to put the fires out. <br> There are plenty of families in Sydney who would prefer to live in the country, but are deterred by such circumstances as these from tak ing the step. The spoiled market and bad administration are the dis advantages that have to be faced by those that are not afraid of har work and of roughing it in the making of a home. In these days of exceptional stress many more might be willing, despite these drawbacks, to go into the country and trust to a better future if they were afforde reasonable facilities of getting quickly on to a block of land; but thei purses are not equal to the delays, expense, bother and worry occasione by red tapeism. In any case, they don't know of any available land to go on to-except an odd piece in some out-of-the-way locality, and of Kind that would require at least a year's preparation before it could ing stock and implements, would need an amount of capital which few working men in Sydney to-day possess. The Government does n help them to get out of Sydney, even to the extent of franking over the railways; and it has no money to advance to settle them, If it had a suitable place to settle them on, though money appears be always available for works for which there is no real urgency, a to squander on utterly useless objects like the referendum on the que tion of the closing hour for hotels. Much is said about the evils congestion, but not a genuine effort is made, or even proposed, to in prove country conditions, and give a healthier glow to the home fir about which there is so much empty talk. |
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