

Tyre

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D. Report. I am so pained to hear from the Director of the part - but for there is no unparalelled symptoms I trust the attack will have passed a very mild one, & be over by the time you get this.

Footscap is the only paper you will think worthy of any letter at all sympathizing with Commissioner Report. Macdonald, Macdunnid and I have been reading this production during the last two weeks. Macdunnid thinks it much "bolder" than does Macdonald who thinks there is much good in it.

The principles are expansion, compulsion if necessary, of smaller lands into adjacent farms, so long as the land left to the farmer shall still produce ≥ 100 - thus encouraging small farms, but in many cases sacrificing the landlord's improvement on the big farms.

Secondly the compulsion principle of an $\frac{1}{6}$ part of an official lease of 30 years at a valued Rent - these leases being renewable, & so giving a certain class priority or security of tenure. These privileges to lease involve certain expenditures on account of the tenant.

These two principles will I think have to be accepted - and had not to be accepted with as much of good grace as possible. ~~It is not possible to have a more perfect system of the kind than this, and it is not possible to have a more perfect system of the kind than this, and it is not possible to have a more perfect system of the kind than this.~~

of the Report the details of the proposals shd be altered. For instance I never shd not constitute a "Township" - Contiguity of Townships to each other shd not be held a claim little business of a farm touching one Township only. The dividing Townships or Townships shd be adjacent to the ~~divisible~~ farm. The sentence page 29 allowing all matters on the Township to have in the division of the farm is ridiculous, and is apparently contradicted by subsequent parts of the Report. The Division against subdivision are good, but in Tyre there is no attempt made at subdivision.

To go now to Tyre, the people seem to want a revaluation of Rent as well as more land. It is obvious that more land can only be given to a few, but a revaluation might be granted, as it is probably not perceptibly diminish Rent (at least so Macdunnid thinks) and there shd be some provision made that expanded Crofters shd give to one, two

There are certainly too many ^{people} on the Island, & I hope that the Commission's recommendation for help for emigration will be passed. I hear that in the last big meeting here on Friday a proposal was made to send a Deputation home, but I doubt if they will send one. If they do I shall use the language you desired, assuring them that all land belongg to men who go shall be given to the others.

Yesterday I had a long drive alone, sending the factors off to their places, to talk quickly in private to the people of Emigration.

~~I went for the day to the ... to ...~~ He said "the people of the meeting I hear speak of sending a Deputation home, asking you to give them an account of America. I do not know whether they will do so. If they do I hope you will give a further address. The others here are troublesome to me on my land. They don't like me I can assure you. The excitement will pass, but I hope you will be very kind to all they are ready to do anything illegal now, but the meetings have been orderly. They like that you like the people like on the land. Many are very poor."

Then I went to Mr. Buchanan, who is a Canadian in ~~the ...~~ He said "The men will come round to common sense. If all the land on the Island were divided the men we have about 7 acres a piece. It is impossible to live comfortably on these small pieces. A £20 or £30 cost is necessary for comfort. Many shd. go. I speak at length with them about their expectations, but they are all now in the same boat, as directed from London. I will tell them that I will be glad to speak to any who may wish to speak with you."

McLaurin - Teacher. Scarcely on the next person. He spoke little of the the of the feeling of the people, but was eloquent on the subject of a big stone that had struck in his chimney when they were clearing it, & had made all the house full with smoke.

Mr. MacFadyen, Mr. Keefer was deaf and smiling and ~~was~~ uninteresting. Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Keefer was eloquent against socialism, & said the poor were as much bitten with it as the noble & the aristocrat. Jim Gunn, Peter MacArthur, spoke generally of schooling, and looked suspicious casual reference to Manitoaba.

McCampbell - Minister, Mr. Campbell & Daughlin were all in the Gott Bay New in bed for many, but glad to see me as I had come to my surprise they were to be made with the people in their domain, & wanted to see the big farms given up to

good and crops. There were many happy people in former days on the estate owned as a the
 of their farms was given up to cattle and sheep. The sheep are far more in the pasture
 than the cattle (this I learned in America office). "It is all very well to say
 there was no hardship connected with the fact but there was formerly. There was an
 Gaelic spoken by the people, & it was impossible to get the Duke except through the
 fact. McLampille of Ardmore might make it appear that any evidence was for
 answer, but it is easy to get a man upon that count. There are many instances
 which exist, and one woman was once bundled ~~at~~ not long ago just before the
 confinement. "Why did you not report this to the Duke?" I asked. "Why was
 it that he was not told. Surely it is impossible that people should not come
 to complain as to another inmate, or to someone who might represent
 the matter?" "No" he said "I had a difficult position in the day and did
 not like to interfere. People will not speak to me of the fact with you. You must
 alone. The Duke in his pamphlet says that there are lies, that people say that of
 the Duke denies what really happened, it is he that tells lies.
 Even with the New Campaign, there were many things sent of the Duke's house that were
 were seen of the people. There were clothes sent for them which were burned at
 and facing after the death. The people did not like McLampille, & they had seen
 how such things cannot happen, for the people will speak out when they find
 outside, & can make their complaints known in Glasgow & elsewhere. There is
 great favoritism occasionally shown in the case of crops. One man on the way
 there has of and his neighbor has been left as he was. "Surely" Mr. C. I see
 you don't expect me to see why men like the Duke put an objection as another. "No" he replied
 but the people don't see why men like the Duke put an objection as another. "No" he replied
 came home, Mackinnon his neighbor was put out of his place as a person could
 nothing being said here for Dr. Davis & informant he had made. Mr. D.
 is personally killed, but as he has a farm he is accused of asking people to reserve
 their sticks and not to sell them away from the island, in order that he may
 have them for his farm. All men are awaiting the Commission's report.
 Mr. Barr - Mr. Barr is a member of the family work of a Pier. Mr. Barr said
 she had never left the island for fear of never getting on to it again. Mr. B.
 had nearly been drowned last year in attempting to disembark. The people had
 been in many instances compelled by others to give their own members of the
 Land League. Men had been stopped in planning & compelled to come and give.
 the good to small farmers of the large do. was that they could get their stock sold to them, then small people
 could not buy them.

He had begun by giving some up for potatoes like...
made such a mess of the ground that he had to stop the practice. The people of
probably quiet down again, but there has just now a great deal of excitement, and they
had use for, or do anything illegal just as they are bid from London.

Mrs. Mill. at a mill near Comay. - said that what grieved the people was the
rent "What do they wish to pay some shillings?" - "Well they think they pay too much
sometimes a man has a sandy ground & he pays more than his neighbour who
has a better piece. We tell my friends that you say you will be glad to speak with
them?"

MacKinnon. Schoolmaster. Comay. Evidently a strong Conservative. Was at Southey
thinks the people don't know when they are well off.
John MacNeil. Comay. chm to schoolhouse. a fine old man & wife of fine
circumstances, (paralyzed). ~~Very nice people. But no talk on land questions.~~

Delighted to see you. Very nice people. ~~But no talk on land questions.~~
Alcottas ploughing with his family on Maclean of Comay's farm a potato crop
Very little English. Wife a little - said they paid 10/- to Maclean for their crop.
All cottages had to pay 5/- to 10/- a few potatoes was all they had. In bad times,
nothing.

Neil Lamont. living at roadside. Had houses, & was in cattle trade - now had lost
all. Hoped double lot for his compensation for houses & land. Case before
Mr. Syllie who was not doing him justice. Had gone all the way to Toronto to see Dr.
who had to go out doing with Deuchep. Wanted to go to New Zealand or
Manitoba - wanted £80 for house and £100 for land. Mrs. Maclean was
had them.

So ended my tour yesterday began at 10 and ended at 6.15. Today
there is a church.
The Factor had made some also. Had talked to a Hynde Kilman, Macdonald

who said "He was deep in the land league" a firm had come back to
Ballyvaughan (I think) for Canada, abusing that country, another man also had
returned, but there were good accounts from others. The factor had talked to
them about Canada, & Macdonald, Lady Coltart's factor, is confident that
they will after a time be glad to go. It was the same at Ballyvaughan. At
first nobody will listen. Now they were anxious to go in numbers. He then
said she will be the same now, & that we shall see good seed here. There will
be no more disappointments at first with the Commission's report & then?
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Walked to Mrs. Lewis' church, where English service was held at 2 o'clock. Large Gaelic congregation joined at that time. The manner of the service as we walked up was respectful. Mrs. Lewis seems a good woman - missionizing at Kirk in May.

I went after lunch down to the shore near "Jost. House". Wind 3 P.M. looked quite near. There was not a cloud near the mountains. The sea calm and lovely. A flock of Mallards took wing as I came down. A lot of rocks of granite and granite. The gulls were too sleepy in the bay to care to move. We go on really.

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Commission report "The returns" this evening. The Commission recommendations are good. If expansion to all it should take place as against neighboring properties where the property has been cleared of. This is not recommended, so that they should clear their neighboring property of all. Such expansion neighboring properties found with substantial evidence. Newland's Colliery cleared land, as his neighbors at the end of took the people into his own ground, when they were evicted.

Newport.

I shall hope to hear good news of the outbreak of just been passed by the next boat. Very thank the doctor for her letter.

Yours affec
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