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Last previous Paper.

Foot and others

Reproduced assertion of "Times" leader (26 Dec)
of first want of sympathy with others. at
no time has such good feeling existed
between all classes as at present.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

Re the article herewith, which
makes the dissatisfaction of the
settlers with the Land Board
the Rarkege incident a two-bladed
engine for attacking H.M. Govt.

I don't think Sir J. Sadler
is a very good administrator,
but it is hard to charge him
with lack of sympathy.

He is fulfilling our will on the
part, if any, is clear.
He shows his sympathies
feelings to us in words & do

causing the settlers to think they
will get all that they want.

Then comes a des from the P of S
telling the Govt. not to grant
return of the settlers demands.
This, logically adopted by the
Govt. without pointing out, is
some help because even if the
Govt. would do, that little Govt.
was desirous of meeting their
wishes but was prevented by
the folly of Downing St. Thus
his action acquires an appearance
of unwillingness & want of sym-
pathy and wholly justified.

Can indeed be telegraphed
Tupper's article is fully attack
on H.M.'s Govt. funeral
coffee. Don't doubt your
sympathy with settlers

W.C. 4/1

60. "The Times" and the settlers

is about in Great Britain
and the settlers
are not fair to the settlers.

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In the same place we
have also - To do so
Date and be inserted - We
do not care to notice
from articles -

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As I think we must let it alone. For though
it will be given in the Spectator will be read
by few & many people.

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31 DEC 08

TELEGRAM. The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies,

(Received Colonial Office 8.35 a.m. 31st December,
1908.)

Separate Camp Kijabe.

December 30th. I at once repudiate on behalf of my
Government assertion of "Times" leader communicated
by Reuters of want of sympathy with settlers.

Personally am now near completion of my fifth tour (?)
within the last three months in the settlement areas
anti-silently to most settlers ascertain wishes and study
their interests at no time has such good feeling
existed between all classes as at present.

SADLER.



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~~The East Africa Protectorate.~~

As a consequence it subsequently might be considered in some fashion even of the original and ruling board, as to accord with the rest of unaffected opinion. In this case, however, unfortunately, no right agreement. On the contrary, the result will be more or less the general policy of the administration, the whole community, as well, regards a just increasing number and quality. They will be in a position already that as far as the white wing induced by the government to its original purpose and their purpose in least Africa is no longer a leading consideration in the official mind, it is now doubted whether the estimates of its settlement is honestly desired.

The provisions of the Land Bill recently introduced under precise directions from the Colonial Office have given considerable rise to those fears. Detailed criticism of the Bill is hardly possible without an intimate knowledge of local conditions ; but the recommendations of the Land Board, the DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, and the COMMISSIONER OF LANDS, upon which the Colonial Office has presumably relied, are all being freely public in the correspondence (d. 4117) issued last June, and these supply an adequate basis for a judgment of its main purpose. The immediate need of the country is for land and capital. According to the statistics, as contained by the returns—*i.e.*, at any rate, for the intended purpose of this Bill, there is no provision of allowing any competition in the struggle between the native and foreign agriculturists. The right to hold land in grants of

the agricultural class is suffering from want of access in the lowlands of the South, exclusively European settlement is the proclaimed policy of the Government. At the present moment the influx of white settlers appears to be at a standstill, and capitalists, in the words of the Director of Agriculture, are "shying at the Protectorate." The essential point in any fresh legislation is to enact a system of land tenure calculated to encourage the settler and the planter with capital by giving him security that his labour and his expenditure will be rewarded. The ~~present~~^{new} ~~1880~~¹⁸⁸¹丈ally offers this encouragement. The ~~present~~^{new} system of a perpetual quit-rent, justly and fairly ~~and~~^{and} the ~~present~~^{new} system of Agency tenure, has been ~~abolished~~^{abolished}—which has been granted ~~in~~ⁱⁿ most anomalous conditions in the past, not ~~meritiously~~^{meritoriously} mentioned, and is certain to be in the future to be obtained; and, while a ~~short~~^{short} nine years' lease has been adopted in accordance with local native, it is qualified by a system of reassessment at thirty-three and sixty-six years under conditions which no grading power can possibly except. The outline of the proposed new law has, in fact, been kept; but there are now inserted by conditions which render them ~~objectionable~~^{objectionable}, if not entirely, valueless for the declared purpose of the Government. The official policy is made clear in a published pamphlet of Lord Elgin's setting out the intention of the Bill. It was necessary, he declared, to encourage white settlement; but it was also necessary to guard against the dangers of speculative accumulation of land, exemplified in the history of the Australasian colonies. The Director of Agriculture, whose knowledge and experience in land questions is very much greater than that of any other official represented in the published reports, had already pointed out how these two necessities could be ~~reconciled~~^{reconciled}. But the present Ministry has taken about ~~an~~^{an} unmeaning ~~legislative~~^{legislative} work which must be upheld ~~at~~^{at} any cost. The result is ~~an~~^{an} academic farce ~~is~~^{is} apparent in practice, for the future and ~~the~~^{the} vision of land is ~~not~~^{not} guarded so effectively as ~~it~~^{it} the dangers ~~are~~^{are} born ~~that~~^{that} no one ~~can~~^{can} help it is ~~to~~^{to} take up an acre on the ~~Government's~~^{Government's} land.

of those circumstances it is no unusual
that the European community in Pro-
tectorate should be showing a certain
amount of dissatisfaction with the pol-
icy of its Government. 2) A dis-
cussion regarding the conduct of
two native girls made by two
columns by Mr. Scoville
stated. Allected that leading of the
native girl and woman to have
English name and English
in the last stage of native character is
not good. The official
name suggested by Mr. Scoville
is Mr. Scoville's suggestion. Considering the subsequent
hostility of observation arranged by his
demanded for a proper inquiry and report reflects
more seriously upon the reputation of those
responsible for the administration of the
protectorate. Colossal REED's earlier
word in Parliament have by no means
ended public anxiety, which will demand
adequate answers, that such officers will in future
be rigorously put down. The episode illustrates
a characteristic of the administration to which

we have already drawn attention—its tendency to make a gulf between the official and the unofficial class. The Government of the Protectorate seems to be animated by an inveterate suspicion of all the European residents not in its own employ. The new Land Bill is characterized from end to end by evidences of this most regrettable trait. The nominated Land Board, for instance, seems in its present form too independent and representative a body to be compatible with administration on East African principles, and it is therefore provided in the Bill that its members shall be re-appointed every year. We venture to say that in a white community of scarcely more than two thousand ~~adults~~, all told—of which very nearly one-half ~~reside~~ in Government service—administration in that spirit is an indefensible and even dangerous anomaly. The majority of the white settlers have staked their lives and their fortunes in the country on the strength of official promises, and are even more deeply concerned in its peace and welfare than the servants of Government, who ~~serve~~ their master, serve their time, and ultimately go. It is essential for the peace and progress of the colony that the Government should be more closely in touch with the ideas and aspirations of the white settlers who are trying to make the country their own. "The best means of encouraging a healthy flow of new settlers is to secure the success of those who have already come." This admirable establishment, expressed by Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL during his visit to the Protectorate, ~~will~~ no doubt bear fruit in Downing-street soon. The some of the prospects of its settlers, with whom we ~~are~~ in contact, might perhaps have been in his mind when he said to the rest of the ~~people~~—and will, we hope, be carefully observed in the future course of the African affairs. A reasonable moderation of the land question—that spirit used from time past of ours would lead, we believe, to some considerable simplification of the Bill.