



Country in Shambles After Second Year of Famine

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Ever since the early crop of 1845, Ireland has suffered from lack of our main crop: potatoes. With July of that year being much hotter than usual and August holding heavy rains, the horrors began. Many local farmers have come forward saying that they believe it can only get worse from here. Certain families have reportedly attempted to make bread out of the rotten potatoes, however this bread had been found to cause stomach cramps and dysentery. Some farmers have resorted to eating their animals, before breeding them and continuing to farm off of their meat. Once the animals were all gone, people have resorted to eating snails, seaweed, weeds, and frogs.

Illnesses such as typhus, yellow fever, and dysentery have been increasingly common among the last 2 years or so. There are also worries floating around due to reported cases of scurvy and exophthalmos in Ireland. Many landlords have been forcefully evicting families out of their homes due to lack of money. This as well as other factors caused over 1,000 Irishmen traveled to America to escape the poor conditions of this country last year. However in quite a few cases, the travel itself would kill you if the conditions of the country hadn't already. There has been much reported hostility towards Irish in America, and the crime rates of both New York and Massachusetts have risen dramatically. Some say that this is a tragedy, others simply claim that it's God's will, but everyone is wondering the same thing. "When will this end?"

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There's been much talk of this subject, but nobody seems to be asking the big question that is crucial to the entire idea itself.