

# Three Strikes Against White

---

Terence Hutchison\*

---

It seems pointless and unnecessary to continue this discussion any further except to select for brief reiteration the following three points:

- 1 It is seriously misleading in singling out Jevons as guilty of 'racist' abuse of the Irish not to mention evidence of his goodwill towards them (e.g. in *Methods of Social Reform*, p. 274).
- 2 It is seriously prejudiced in discussing Jevons's circular of 1879 not to recognise that he explicitly did **not** claim that his hypothesis was 'established'; and that he fully accepted the possibility that any information he might have received might just as well have been opposed to his hypothesis as favourable to it.
- 3 When raising the questions of 'racism' among nineteenth century economists it indicates serious prejudice to make no mention whatsoever of the views of Friedrich Engels on the subject of Irish immigration - (notably in Manchester) - while concentrating solely on attempts to attack the reputation of one of the leading pioneers of neoclassical economics.

---

\* Birmingham, England.