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An extract from 'Lark Rise to Candleford', - a trilogy, by Flora Thompson; the book was first published in 1939. Reproduced by permission of the British Library
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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- How did people react to the introduction of pensions?
- Does the reaction seem believable?
- Do you think it is typical?
- If this source had been a newspaper report from the time, how might Lloyd George have made use of it?

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When, twenty years later, the Old Age Pensions began, life was transformed for such aged cottagers. They were relieved of anxiety. They were suddenly rich. Independent for life! At first when they went to the Post Office to draw it, tears of gratitude would run down the cheeks of some, and they would say as they picked up their money, 'God bless that Lord George! [for they could not believe one so powerful and munificent could be a plain 'Mr.']] and God bless *you*, miss!' and there were flowers from their gardens and apples from their trees for the girl who merely handed them the money.