

On the 2d May instant, Sir John A Macdonald introduced into the Canadian House of Commons a Bill for the purpose of organizing what is familiarly known as the Red River settlement into a Province of the Dominion, under the name of 'Manitoba'-an Indian word signifying the Speaking God. Sir John, in a long and interesting speech, explained the various provisions of the Bill as well as the reasons which actu. ated his Government. The outlines of the measure may not be altogether un-interesting to the people of British Col-umbia, and we shall, therefore, give them, as gleaned from the speech of the na state that the Province of .. est Territory taken over from the adson Bay Company, but only a com-

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and it embraces all the settlements of importance, ranged, as they are, along the banks, of the Bed River and the banks of the Assiniboins from the paint of their canfluence near Fort Garry np westward to a beautiful lake from which the Province takes its name. It was obviously impracticable to comprise the entire North-West within a single Pro-vince, and the Government has taken the wise course of erecting the first Province so as to meet present need, leav-ing all the rest of that vast country to be gov-raed for the present as an unor-ganized tract, by the Lieutenan'-Governor of Manitoba, under a separate commission, acting under Orders in Council from time to time in that behalf issued by the Dominion Government. The population of Manitoba is rated at 15,000. It is to be represented in the Senate of Canada by two members antil the population shall have reached 50,000 the population shall have reached 50,000 at a decennial census, when it shall be "epresented by three members until the population reaches 75,000, and thereafter by four members. Far-ther the Bill does not go. It is to have four members in the House of Commone, for which purpose the country will be divided into four elect-toral districts, each containing, as nearly as possible, an equal number of settlers. The Executive powers of the Province The Executive powers of the Province will be in every respect similar to those enjoyed by the other Provinces of the Dominion. The Lieutenant Governer shall have an Executive Council com-posed of seven persons, holding such of-fices as he may deem fit, and in the first instance these offices are not to exceed five in number. The Legislature will be composed of two Chambers, to be designated the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively. The Legislative Council is to be compesed of seven members, in the first in-stance ; but provision is made by which, after a lapse of four years-the term for which Parliament will be elected-the Lieutenant Governor may increase it to twelve, but in no case beyond that num-

yearly payments, a sum which is to be ascertained in the same way as that pro-posed in the case of Newfoundland last posed in the case of Mewfoundland last year-- that is, fixing the whole popula-tion at 15,000, and computing the dif-terence between that population and the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. They will also receive the usual annual subsidy of 80 cents per head until the population reaches 400,-000, when it shall become stationary; and a further sum of \$30,000 s year towards the support of the local gov-ernment, in addition to the payment of the salaries of Lientenant Governor, judges, customs, and all such services as are paid for by the Dominion in respect of the other Provinces. It is pro fee or under lease from the Hudson Bay Company, shall be confirmed to such occupants. But all such lands as do not belong to individuals, as already de-

West Territory taken over from the Hudson Bay Company, but only a com-paratively small part of it. The region which is to form the new Province com-mences at a point on the frontier of the United States 96 degrees West of Greenwich, and extends to a point 98 degrees, 15 minutes west, being bounded on the south by the 49th parallel of latifude, and on the north by latitude 50 degrees, 30 minutes. Its area is a little over eleven thousand square miles, and it embraces all the settlements of impertance. We have, we trust given enough to convey to the reader a toler-ably correct idea of the principal pro-visions of the Bill conditioning the new Province of Manitota. The whole matter is chiefly interesting to the people of British Columbia as affording an in-dex to the temper of the Canadian Government, and the spirit in which they may be presumed to approach our own case, which will be the uext to demand their attention. The standing of the second sec - 12-1 . THE PROGRAMME .- The programme of heli The PROGRAMM. — The programme of heli-day sports and recreative summements com-memorative of the birth of Her Majesty, is extensive and varied and will require at least three days to complete it. The first affair on the list is that of the excursion of the Enter-prise to Esquimalt, at 9:30 o'clock this morn-ing, where she will remain until atter a Royal Salute has thundered forth from all the ships. She will then return in time for the Races at Beacon Hill, which will commence with the Trial States is 1 p m, and end at 5 o'clock with the Scurry Stakes. The races are eight in number. There will be a grand hall at Government House in the evening, and the Bates Troupe will perform as the Theatre...... On Wednesday the steamers Olympis and En-terprise will open the ball by conveying ex-cursionists, upon the ball by conveying ex-cursionists. There will be fitteen contasts, the first of which will commence at 1 o'clock and the last at 5:30. In the evening the Bates Thouse will perform new pieces at its Thea-tre......On Thursday, at 12 o'clock, a great Floral Fete will be field in the grounds adjein-ing Argels College, when there will be a rich as varied exhibition of flewers of the choi-set description. Athletic Sports at Bescoe Hill, on the same day, are proposed, and the windup of all the sport will be at the Theatre in the ovening when some very interesting exercises will take place...... A large number of country and Paget Sound residents came to to wn yesterday and last night to take part in the amusements. day sports and recreative amusements comthe amusements.

the military expedition to Red River. From these atstements it would appear that the tele-graph had greatly magnified the expedition itself, as well as the generasity of Her Ma-jesty's Government. The force is only to be about 1000 strong, instead of 10,000. Of that force about 400 will be regular troops, and it is in that proportion that the Imperial Govern-ment engages to contribute towards the ex-pense of the expedition. Sir John stated that from information recently received from Red Biver there was every reason for belaving that a force commanded by an officer of Her Majesty's service, under Her Majesty's senction, would be received not only in a spirit of kindness, but with gladness. This force will doubtless have reached the settlement are now.

In InmidBATION .- Every where, save and except in this British Columbia of our the value of immigration appears to be appreciat-ed? It appears from late exchanges before us that the government of Buenos A about to make arrangements for the about to make arran sation of Bahia Bla of immigrants, this stated that the impact of immigrants, chiefly Italians, was 6000 per mooth, yet the rate of wages and the domand did not perceptibly decline. Here we are in British Columbia absolutely dying for pop-lation, and yet with English families offered free of expense, there is no movement to worth accepting the preferred boon in sid T. Shin

THE NEW AUSTRALIAN STRAMBHIP LINE. The Wongs Wongs, City of Adelaids, and City of Melbourne formariy on some met-ern route from New South Wales, have men chattered by Mr. Hall. From the new Zealand Government he has a mail subsidy of £ 16,000 or \$75,000, and a proportinate of 2 10,000 or \$75,000, and a proportigate amounts from the other two. Mr. Colley, of the firm of Colley & Start, is at present at Anokland, making arrangements to start mi opposition line in the interest of Webb, of New York who recently visited the Pacific Coast. VICTORIA VS. FLEET. -- In the cricket marks yesterday, want of practice and confinement as board ship told severely against the First, Eleven and placed them within the power of the more nimble Victoria Eleven. The Vic-forians went in first and made 156. The Fleet made 24 for their first horings and 82

on Sunday. From the want of sufficient publicity to the announcement, scarcely any one in town was aware that the excursion was to come off.

BASTERN OVSTERS, planted in San Francisso Bay six monthe ago, have increased in size and number and improved in flavor. It is now believed larger and finer overers i can be raised on this coast from eastern stock than anywhere elsed on w

The delighterily warm showers of Sunday and yesterday have revived the parched and drooping plants and laid the dust in the streets. Reports from all the adjacent farm-ing districts are very encontaging, as anie

ME. PIPER has secured the refreshment staffd ME. Piper has secured the refreshment stand on the Olympia for the Deluge excursion, and those who had intended taking a stock of pro-visions along, may leave them behind. The mention of Piper's name is a guarantee of isomething good to sat and pleaty of it. How My Holmson has reached Ottawa and as the lith last delivered an address of

British Columbia, before a select and imped of members of Perliament, that not yell of

HIS BROSLISNOT THE GOVERNOR has so far redovered his health as to be enabled to attend divine service at Christ Church Oathedral on Sunday morning. Horo of Janis Tolla Ind 1670 anw without Thursday next heing As-consion Day, there will be divine service at the Episcopal and Oatballe Obugahas of anis

The flext issue of The Colonist will be on Thursday morning. a saw bus, sbana)

knot, as the lady said at the hymeneal

The Marquis Lousada, British Consul at Boston, was a natural son of King George the Fourth.

The new Paris opera house has cost about \$8,000,000.

one arm, deaf and in danger of become

arrested the Holy Father under the first Napoleon, has enlisted in the army of the present Pope, to make up for the

The Emperor Napoleon and his

Hausmann, the late famous Prefect of Paris, has been placed on the retir-ed list with a pension of '6,000 francs, which is a small pittance for a man ac-customed to dispose of billions.

The Russian Government has decided to admit women to the lectures in the medical department of the Univer-sity of St Petersburg. They are also to be allowed to practice as physicians, but not to be admitted to degrees.

Izzet Pasha, late Governor of Jer. Izzet Pasna, late Governor of Jer-naslem, has been coademned, for dishon-est, practices in his Government, to three years' exile in Kutabia, and 6,000 ducats damages; and his assis-tant, Mustapha, to five years', exile and 10,000 ducats damages, said of elgoog

Mas GLADSTONE is said to be always in the Mus Graperovs is mid to be always in the ladies' gallery of the British Honse of Com-mons, when any important, question is, de-bated, watching her busband's proceedings. GERENWICH HOSPITAL is now a ragged school. The west dining half his been granted for the nee of the Greenwich Schools, and here 300 reserved shildren are daily taught from the Biols. A querrel on the Benlevards terminated thus one day last west to the anticement of the spectators— Messieur, you shall give me satistaction.' Beply— mids a presl of laughter—' Messieur, I cannot—I am a mem-

satistaction." Reply - amidet a real laughter - Messieer, I sannot I am a me ber of the Society for Protecting Acimal Az the Tailleries, the other day the Emp ror received a number of the old soldiers the First Empire, the Prince Imperial a the Empress being present. When the question was sated whether any were prese who had length at the back who had lought at the battle of Marange which was fought in 1800, two of the vete rane replied in the affirmative, vior to 10

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE NEW MINT AT SAN FRANCISCO .- The cornerstone of the new Mint building will be laid to-morrow. The Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. will have charge of the ceremonies. The work on the Mint at the present time ber. The Governor having a Responsible Ministry, it was thought well to give to the Upper House this degree of elas.

for their second-total, 106. They were se cordingly besten by the Victorians in one innings with 50 rans to spare. The highest scores on the Victoria side were 42 by Rich-ardson, 28 by W Wilson and 25 by Mohas. On the Fleet side, Caffyn made the highest-

25. From Kantoors, 20. —Mr Campbell, who brought down the fine cattle from the ip-terior on Saturday, informs us that stock wintered well in the Kemloops and Okana-gan districts. Odly about one toot of show fell. The severest weather was in Matok. The day Mr Compbell passed Kanaka Bar [17 inst] Eugene Coombe, aged 55 years, a native of France, died.

ATHUTTIC Sponts-r-It is propesed, if 'leave' can be had from the Admirals, to have play estohing, wrestling, foot racing, jumping, hopping, skipping, throwing balls, patting shot, wheeling barrow blindfold, sack racing, handle racing and climbing the greased pole as Bascon Hill on Thuraday. That respectable hat much-abused old lady, 'Annt Sally,' has consented to appear on the occasion. A peti-tion; numeronsity and respectably signed, will be presented to take part in the sport.

A GRAND SIGHT,-The steamer Enterprise leaves her wharf at 9:30 this morning with the Esquimalt excursionists. The party will have an opportunity of going over Admiral Hornby's splendid ship Liverpool, and of wit-nessing the grand sight of eight ships firing a Royal Salute, with yards manned, flags flying, a bands of whether the second state of a Royal Salute, with yards manned, hags hynn, bands playing, and tars hurrahing: The dis-play will be atogether the grandest over with nessed in these waters, and the whole affair will only cost 5C cents, the participants getting back in time for the races.

A BUNAWAY COUPLE from Seattle were united on board the Olympia yesterday when the steamer was a midways between Port Townsend and Victoria:

on Mouse Rock, of Beacon Hill, about 12 o'dioth has night. All the passingers were sifely danded in our same larbed and midw

Two accidents have occurred through de-fective sidewalks within a day or two. One gentleman had a leg broken in two places." THE CALIFORNIA reached ber what at half-

past 8 o'clock last evening. She has 200 tons of freight, principally flour.

The Enterprise will not sail for the river gain until Friday sugar out to agai

Nons of the East Coast boats will sail un-



At the likinels Hospital for the Insane, at

At the Illinois Hospital for the Intane, at Jacksonville, recently, a most appalling, ex-olting and thrilling scene was witnessed by many persons. An inteane woman is some way encound from the apartments in which and been confined, runked ap the star-way encound the roof and dashed away to be end of the building, awang herself over the edge of the roof and dropped to a cornice some six or eight feet below. Upon this connice, a foot wide and some eventy feet above the ground, the wild ma-nice walked back and forth for a quarter of a hoar. Men runked to persuade her to fasten it about her body, but in vais. Below, beds were bronght and placed to break her fill, should she lesp from her perilous pos-minutes, seemingly moonscious of all danger, the wang off and holding by the coralec multiple erect and steady upon the cap, which was but a foot wide and four feet long the set above the ground four feet below in the start fearful, diszy height, she stood gazing about a quarter of an hour. Then the seized firmly the rope lowered to her and leaped into the air. The strong arms gra-deling hous the ground she relaxed her hold and gazing about a quarter of an hour. Then the seized firmly the rope lowered to her and leaped into the air. The strong arms gra-deling pan-the beds below, and sithough sturi-ned was taken up uninjured. CO the related in the first her hold and fell upon the beds below, and sithough sturi-

Twantry mes Booms have been licensed tesell spirits at the race-course to-day at \$10 sechel edT-_____Ascantra() areovor() and This stainer Mary Woodruff, with a party of extensioners from Puget Sound, streek en Monani Rock, of Benoor Hill, about 12

The fatality fold in the song of "The Mis-theos Bough" was, us ye the Musical Stand theos Bough' was, says the Masical Stand-ard, repeated at a place in Scotland recently, when a girl aged five, and a boy aged three, the children of the gardener at Mailany Flax Mills, shut themselves in a large corn chest io a stable. The lid hasped itself outside, and the children were not discovered until they were deed. A Paris journal of the 27th March says-The Remain frames near the be in success

A Paris journal of the 27th March says-The Russian finances seem to be in great disorder. The *Government Messenger*, an official journal, has published the budget for 1870 and its statements show that this year again the expenses will not be met. The total deficiency during the last eight years, including the present one, is not less than 149 000 000 roubles [38, or 75 cents each]. During the last five years 126 000 000 roubles have been expended on the centionation of the railways, which sum increases the total amount to be met to 265 000 000 roubles.

Something the Matter with the Sun. Something the Matter with the Sun. Extrema London Trans. — The interest of the public having seemingly been consider-soly awakened in regard to the present un-usually disturbed condition of the solar sur-face I venture to again trouble you with some few further observations: Another snormass upot all nexy irregular form, but up lothis date of no continuous surface, 54 000 miles in mean length and 30-000 in mean breadth. Is traversing the sun's nother hemisphere and possesses a superfi-tial area of about 1.620.000.000.square miles In addition to this great single spot there is a group of two fair-sized spots in the corthe-ern hemisphere, besides six other groups in the southern hemisphere, mostly of very scattered and irregular description. The total area of the whole of these spots, somot be estimated at less than 8.000.000.-ood square miles. I have never during a period of 20 years seen so great a distury back.

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bases. The great northern spot will pass off the disk about the 14th inst. and previously to that date may very probably resolve itself into a group of spets, as it shows symptome of breaking up. I remain, sir, your obed't serv't, it bases

East Tisted Rectory, Alton, Hants, a bas April 8, 1870.

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