

GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE.

No. 1.—INTRODUCTORY.

IN taking up the subject of Government Life Insurance it is quite likely that we shall meet with opposition. But if the scheme of Government Life Insurance we have in view is a sound one, opposition will rather help than hinder it; for it will set people thinking and open their eyes to the advantages of the Government taking hold of the subject. Space will not permit, in the present article, of our doing more than introducing what we have in view; but we hope shortly to give some facts and figures gathered from trustworthy statistics, which our readers will find curious as well as instructive. It can scarcely be denied that, from the force of circumstances, Canada, for several years at all events, will need money borrowed in some shape or other, and the question for each Finance Minister to solve as he comes into office is how to provide a revenue sufficient to meet the growing requirements of a young country; "in short," as Wilkins Micawber would remark, how to "raise the wind." It is a self-evident