

The war in South Africa is now finished, and King Cetewayo is a prisoner in the hands of the British who will scarcely know what to do with him.

Large numbers of Emigrants are arriving from Europe most of them for the North West. At the recent exhibition in Ottawa the Province of Manitoba made a magnificent display of national products. It boasts of being the granary of the Dominion. A good deal of dissatisfaction is expressed by settlers with regard to the cost of land under the new regulations. The government aims at building the great Pacific Railway by money received for land sold to immigrants; but the new settlers would like to get both the land and the railway for nothing. If the price now charged for land is too high it will likely be lowered to meet the views of reasonable men.

The directors of the West of England Bank are being prosecuted for issuing false balance sheets as to the position of that Bank, which failed some months ago and brought ruin upon many of the shareholders. The unfortunate shareholders of the Consolidated Bank of Canada have had several meetings of a most excited character. Sir Francis Hincks the President was told at these meetings that he ought to be in the penitentiary. He was paid, it is said for attending to the affairs of the bank, but left the whole matter in the hands of the cashier, who managed the affairs of the bank in a deplorably incompetent manner.

In last issue we published a full report of the state of the Temporalities lawsuit. No decision has as yet been given on the matter.

MR. SPURGEON ON HARD TIMES.—A correspondent of the New York *Evangelist*, writing from London, says: I find Mr. Spurgeon's morning discourse of yesterday noticed at some length in this morning's dailies. The weather here continues wet and cold, and a "bad harvest" is threatened. The churches have been exhorted to pray for fair weather. The archbishops and bishops have issued their "weather prayers." These circumstances gave Mr. Spurgeon his theme for his morning sermon. His text was in Hosea v. 15: "I will go and return to my place, till they acknow-

ledge their offence, and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early." He referred to the wars in which England is now and had recently been engaged; the depression of trade; "and now," said he, "as if our troubles were not sufficient, the weather refuses to assist the processes of agriculture, and prayer is asked for. Some think it quite certain that prayer will be the means of making the rain cease. He for one, did not think so. There were a good many reasons why prayer would not be heard, but that the threatened judgments would fall upon the land. If this land was to continue to be the cradle of liberty and the Gospel, then it must pass through its season of adversity. He could not wish ill to his country but if the people would not remember God except in adversity, then adversity ought to be desired. If crime was still to flourish, if drunkenness was to be as prevalent as at present, if oaths and blasphemies were to be heard on all sides, if our nation was to go on shedding the blood of foreign countries—inhabiting those lands where she had no right to place her foot—and if God then said 'I will famish them,' it was not for the righteous man then to interpose and try to stay His hand."

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