

literal sense these men, upon whom are dependent probably not less than forty thousand helpless women and children. But the inflated dividends purchased at the cost of the famine and suffering of these hapless households are bought too dear. These great corporations can build a Forth bridge, at a cost of millions, to save a few miles' and a few minutes' travel, surely they might do something to improve the condition of the men by whom these millions are earned and upon whose brain and brawn they are dependent for success. Cheap travel and cheap freight are not the greatest necessities of the age, but that stalwart labourers, with their wives and children, should be housed and fed as well as an average cart-horse is one of the rights of man.

INDIAN RISING.

The unhappy outbreak among the Indians at Rosebud and Pine Ridge agencies is another illustration of the penalty that always follows wrong doing. The American treatment of the Indians has been notoriously faultful. The leading journals of the country denounce the breaches of faith with the red men and the wretched manner in which they are pillaged and plundered by venal political Indian agents. It is greatly to the credit of the Hudson Bay Company, which for a century controlled the great North-West, that it always kept faith the Indians, consequently they had no Indian wars. It is to be hoped that the Canadian Government will in like manner maintain the traditional honour of the British flag and thus avert a bloody barbarizing Indian war. We shall present a series of articles in this MAGAZINE on the Indian question, by a contributor who will write with authority upon this subject.

PARTITION OF AFRICA.

In the days of our boyhood the centre of Africa was one wide blank space, marked "Unexplored territory." This is now filled with the

names of lakes, rivers and tribes then unheard of. A little girl is said to have complained that this was the work of "that horrid Stanley." But others than he have had a share in it. The heroic band of explorers, Livingstone, Burton, Grant, Speke, Baker, Cameron, and many more. There is now little, if any, unexplored territory, the whole continent being partitioned between the great powers. This will certainly do much to prevent tribal wars, to abolish slavery, and to introduce the civilization of Christianity. The Churches are nobly following, if not in many cases leading, the van of civilization; and the influence of the Gospel of Peace, we predict, will be far more potent in civilizing Africa than Hotchkiss' cannon and the Winchester repeating rifle.

THE NEW VICTORIA.

The engraving of the fine design for the new Victoria which appeared in the *Guardian* and the *Globe*, the contracts for the execution of which have been already let, will give the friends of that institution an idea of the rapid progress which is being made in carrying into effect the decisions of the late General Conference. During the winter the contractors will have an opportunity to procure material and to make preparations for the vigorous prosecution of the work next season. It is expected that sufficient progress will be made to have the ceremony of laying the corner-stone about Conference time. Dr. Potts, the indefatigable Secretary of Education, has devoted himself with all his energy to the task of rolling up the Building, Construction and Endowment Fund. We believe that the completion of this building will mark a forward movement of unprecedented prosperity in the educational history of our Church.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

We are glad to chronicle a very significant sign of the growing fellowship between the Christian Churches of this land, viz., the