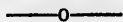


the Union in its aspirations, and we must now surprise our readers with the announcement that, though our North American brethren discern some difficulties in attracting the Queen, a Canadian gentleman has arrived by the last steamer to see if he can't borrow the Prince of Wales. At Toronto, on the 1st proximo, there is to be a Great Exhibition opened—a regular Crystal Palace, not quite so grand as that in Hyde Park or the Champs Elysees, but of good colonial proportions, and similar in design. Now that these exhibitions should be inaugurated by Sovereigns or Princes has become a fixed principle, and the Canadians think their future King would be the very Prince for the occasion. It will be thought a remarkable illustration of the force and individuality pervading Transatlantic character when we add that this proposal for the loan of our Heir Apparent does not proceed from the Legislature, the Administration, the authorities, or indeed any officials of the colony whatever, but has been undertaken by a private gentleman at his own cost and on his own responsibility. He put into circulation a petition, which will be found in another column, procured the signatures of such members of parliament as happened to be “in town,” and, fortified by this public “endorsement,” started on his own hook, and has arrived, we are told, by the Persia on the prosecution of his complimentary errand. Mr. John G. Norris, for that is the name of this independent envoy, will not, we are afraid, tempt the Prince of Wales, but he will learn that we appreciate the invitation, and that we wish every success to the colony and to its Exhibition. In fact, we have not the smallest doubt that the journals of Canada and the Union are entirely right in predicting for a Royal visit to America, when the fullness of time may bring about such an event, the most triumphant and unprecedented success.



THE QUEEN AND THE CANADIANS.

(From the London Times.)

On Saturday evening Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, addressed an official communication to Mr. Norris, embodying the answer of Her Majesty to the petition, of which he was recently the bearer to this country, from citizens of Toronto and inhabitants of Canada. It will be recollected that the petition in question stated that a Crystal Palace similar in design, but of smaller dimensions to those of London and Paris, for the exhibition of the products of Canadian industry and skill, is in the course of erection in Toronto, and will be completed about the 1st of Oct.; and the memorialists, remember-