

"TWO GREEN EYES, CLOSE TO THE GROUND."

Illustration from "The Kindred of the Wild"

thrown upon the omission of Canada's Fenian Invasion claims from the list of matters which formed the basis for negotiations in 1871. That this was designed to prevent Senator Sumner from defeating the Treaty in the Senate by raising the Irish-American party seems pretty clear. The other episode brought out by Mr. Adams is the influential part played by Sir John Rose

in the preliminary negotiations. This has not, we think. been hitherto generally known. It has usually been supposed that Sir John Rose, who went down to Washington in 1869 as a member of Sir John Macdonald's Government, and who shortly after left Canada to reside in London, approached the Washington authorities entirely on Canadian afairs. It now appears that he was a confidential agent of the Imperial Government in 1871. It must have been in this capacity that he presented the confidential memorandum about which there has often been much dispute, and which was said to embody a plan of com-

mercial union between Canada and the States. Sir John Rose, who was a very able and distinguished man, had no official connection with Canada after 1869, so much so that when it was proposed to have him represent the Dominion on the High Commission of 1871, Sir John Macdonald took the ground that the representative must be some one directly associated with the interests of