

Canada, is progressing satisfactorily. We are glad to see our esteemed friend the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, late of Charlottetown, taking so prominent and successful a part therein.

Spencer Wood, the residence of the Governor General has been burned to the ground.

The last month has been marked by fearful loss of life by steamships—the *Hungarian*, Canadian mail steamer—lost with all hands, off Cape Sable; the *Luna*, the *Ninrol*, and the *Pomona*, on the other side of the Atlantic,—all attended with distressing loss of life.

A great fire, destroying over half a million of property, has taken place in Barbadoes.

The amount realized for seat rents, this year (by auction) in H. W. Beecher's Church is not less than £6000—so much for notoriety.

The lord Advocate has introduced his Bill on the Edinburgh Annuity Tax. Though acknowledging the principle of Establishments, it strikes a heavy blow at our church in Edinburgh, as it proposes to suppress not fewer than five charges—at the death of the present incumbents, viz., one minister each from the Collegiate charges of the High, Tron and St. Andrew's Churches—and the suppression of the Old and Tolbooth Churches altogether. In other words, reducing the number of parish churches from 18 to 13. The others he proposes to support from a sinking fund. We trust the bill will not be allowed to pass in its present form.

We have to record the death of a very distinguished scientific man and a warm friend of the Church of Scotland—Sir T. McDougall Brisbane, aged 87.

Mr. Lister, the eminent surgeon, has been appointed to the surgery chair in the University of Glasgow.

Miss Burdett Coutts has made another magnificent donation—this time, to the cause of science, consisting of a valuable collection of fossils presented to Oxford and £5000 to found two scholarships in Geology and Natural Science.

We are called on to lament the death of the greatest military historian, since the days of Xenophon, General Sir William Napier, author of the history of the Peninsular War, and other works, and brother of the chivalrous Sir Charles Napier, the hero of Scinde.

Lord Elgin goes out once more as Commissioner to China. Neither the British nor French Governments appear to be in a very great hurry to punish the perfidy of the Chinese on the Peiho.

We are pained to observe that trade has been interrupted in Japan by the bad conduct of some Europeans there.

A new Arm called the Whitworth gun, has been tested, far exceeding even the celebrated Armstrong—having a range of 5½ miles. Battles will by and bye have to be fought by telescopes.

In Great Britain, Gladstone's Budget and the Reform Bill are the leading articles. About the latter, the public seem to care lit-

tle or nothing, but the former excites much attention. In it the system of free trade is carried out with great boldness; duties on foreign wines, silks, &c., greatly reduced, many taxes remitted and the deficiency made up by an income tax of 10d. on the pound. The income and expenditure of Great Britain this year will amount to the enormous sum of £70,000,000.

The affairs of Europe look ominous in the extreme. France seems determined to annex Savoy—Sardinia to absorb all the Italian States—the Pope to resist to the utmost—Austria to prepare for any contingency—and Russia, to take, nobody knows what part. It is difficult to say what a month or even a nail may bring about, but we hope and pray that our own beloved land will be kept out of the imbroglio, and that the despots may be left to fight and settle their own battles.

In the meantime, the Emperor of the French is full of professions of his peaceful intentions—speaks kindly to Sardinia—re-assuringly even to the Pope—in a friendly tone to Austria—and to Great Britain he has gone beyond words—he has opened his ports to many articles of British merchandise—and seems anxious to foster and extend a mutual trade between the countries, binding them by the ties of interest, if not of amity.

Could these mutual jealousies only be allayed—Europe was never in so favorable a condition to extend her prosperity and to enter on a career of improvement to her people, civil and religious, such as she never possessed before. The power that first kindles and discharges the brand of discord will have much to answer for.

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