

down-trodden Italy will in a short time take its stand as a great nation among the nations of the earth.

And while others have been summoned from their homes in vast bodies, to engage in bloody conflict, we of the British North American Provinces have been permitted in the Providence of God, to continue in the enjoyment of freedom, and to pursue amid the pleasures and comforts which our country affords, peace and prosperity. The soil of the Lower Provinces has, in every department of agriculture, again produced its quota towards the sustentation of man and beast.—The labors of the husbandman have been most abundantly rewarded.—Commerce and manufactures are recovering from the great prostration into which they have been thrown.

Education and the spread of knowledge have been making slow but stea-

dy progress in the maritime provinces. Railways and Telegraph lines have been extended; and the development of the latent resources of the country have been taking place. So that every thing in these provinces apparently tend to improvement. And for these, and the unnumbered other blessings which have been poured upon us, individually and collectively, we should ever keep in mind that we owe the homage of gratitude to Him from whom these mercies flow.

And as to the commencing year, 1860, who can tell what will be its leading characteristics? Whether the sword, a common pioneer to civilization will again be unsheathed; or whether the attention of the world will be directed to the development of its resources—whether their mind, matter, or both, is hid from us in the future?

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**ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.**—Fifteen years ago there was not an Electric Telegraph line in the world—now, there are upwards of eighty thousand miles.

**CRIME.**—In England there are four murders committed to every million of the inhabitants; Belgium, 18; Sardinia, 20; France, 31; Austria, 36; Lombardy, 45; Tuscany, 56; Bavaria, 68; Sicily, 90; Papal States, 113; and Naples, 174.

**A GREAT CANAL.**—The Spanish government has sanctioned the construction of a Canal, to run from Bilbao, in the Bay of Biscay, thence to the Cantabrian Mountains and the Valley of the Ebro, by Saragossa and Estella to Alfiques Bay in Catalonia—Mediterranean. The length will be 285 miles, 340 feet wide, and 30 feet deep. The distance from Northern Europe to the Mediterranean will be shortened by over one thousand miles. An English man is the contractor.

The Mammoth Cave in Kentucky

is said to extend ten miles under ground; at the extremity is a dark pit some 200 feet deep.

A new Submarine Cable, weighing ten tons per mile, has recently been laid between England and France.

**LICENSED SCHOOL MASTERS**, actually employed as such and not having property, are not required to perform statute labor in New Brunswick.

**DR. ROBERTSON.**—This extraordinary man is self-educated, and was first a ploughman; then a Schoolmaster; then a Minister; now a D.D., a Professor, a dean of the Chapel Royal, and one of the leaders of the Church of Scotland; he has been the means of raising £340,000, for the endowment scheme of his Church.

**CURE FOR SPRAINS.**—If the ankle is sprained for instance, let the feet be held with the thumbs meeting on the swollen part; the hands of the operator having been previously greased, are pressed successively with increased force on the injured and painful part