

are not in any mood to appreciate nonsensical declamation, or diluted treason.

It is to be hoped that the labours of the Commission will cover all questions at issue, of boundaries or other matters, and the consideration of the *headland* dispute would appropriately lead to the final settlement of the *San Juan* difficulty. That question cannot be left to future arbitration. In the course of Sir John's speech it came out that the Canadian Government wished to assert their rights respecting the fisheries immediately on the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty, but the Imperial authorities very injudiciously counselled delay, thus setting aside the more valuable local knowledge which could deal with the case at once and afford no pretext for the encroachments of an unscrupulous neighbour, in order to foster their own theories of the gushing friendliness of the people of the United States. The events have shown that the Canadian statesmen were wise, thoroughly understood the matter and are more competent to deal with our neighbours than English statesmen. It is, however, gratifying to learn that the latter realize their duty to support Canadian rights with all the force of the empire, for notwithstanding the high Commission, we are persuaded if an European imbroglio occurred involving England that Brother Jonathan would take part like Neil Gow for his *ain hand*.

The attention of our readers is earnestly requested to the official list of the successful competitors for the prizes awarded by the Government for the best rifle shots during the annual training of the active force in camp, in 1870. It appears that Private William Good of 43rd Battalion, Carleton, is the best shot in the army of the Dominion, having, in addition to the Battalion prize of \$10, the District prize of \$15, won the special prize offered by the Adjutant-General of \$50 and a silver medal. It is evidently of the utmost importance that our Volunteers should be thoroughly trained to the use of their weapons and to the Adjutant-General belongs the honor of having devised and inaugurated this competition at rifle shooting practice during the annual training of each corps, his own special prize of \$50 and a silver medal being added as an inducement to greater exertions on the part of the marksmen and an incentive to the constant practice of the art of rifle shooting, as well as an evidence of the importance which he attaches to it as the necessary corollary of that organization which he has laboured so strenuously to perfect. We are pleased that those prizes should be won by a member of one of our own *local corps*, and the list itself shows a proficiency in practice creditable to the whole force. We shall return to this subject as it is of the utmost importance, and would request our contemporaries throughout the Dominion to notice a matter so directly affecting the Canadian army.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The *Times* correspondent at Constantinople states that the Porte protests against an Italian expedition to Tunis, and expresses readiness to examine the Italian complaints and to enforce redress.

An inquiry in the British House of Commons, as to whether the Government had received any propositions for the purchase of British North America, received a denial from Mr. Gladstone, who was led to deprecate questions of that character during the session of the Anglo-American Commission.

The new French Government has the increased prestige of having been duly recognized by the representatives of England, Austria and Italy immediately upon the publication of the vote in the Assembly. President Thiers is to proceed shortly to the Palais Royal. The brief telegraphic report of the proceedings in the National Assembly, now comprising some six hundred deputies, shows that there is strong opposition to the cession of Alsace and Lorraine to the conquerors. A desire was manifested to postpone consideration of the unpleasant question, but President Thiers insisted upon the Assembly pronouncing its opinion upon the proposal, and not endeavouring to throw upon others the responsibility of making a peace hurtful to the national pride. It is stated that the Prussian terms have been made known to M. Favre and that the new government have had them under discussion. M. Favre is reported to be confident of the Assembly accepting the best terms obtainable. The Prussians are credited with a disposition to be more lenient, except with regard to the cession of territory, and even on this point some modifications may yet be made. Bordeaux, which has not experienced the brunt of the war, is opposed strongly to giving up an inch of the sacred soil, and the same sentiment is shared by the writers for the press; but sensible men appear to be willing to make the best out of the situation, and calmly accept the inevitable.

REVIEWS.

THE "Dominion and Provincial Directories," by John Lovell, Montreal. We have to acknowledge the receipt of two of the most important statistical works we have ever seen: in the "Dominion Directory" for 1871, of over 2600 pages, containing a mass of easily accessible information of the most valuable and interesting kind, and a "Provincial Directory" for the year 1871, of the Province of Ontario, containing well arranged lists of all the business men in the cities, towns and villages. It is much to be regretted that the publication of the Canada Directory in 1857, entailed heavy pecuniary loss on Mr. Lovell, not to speak of the physical and mental labour incurred in its compilation, and it does not look well for the public spirit and generosity of our Legislature and people that men who have rendered invaluable

literary services to the country by furnishing statistics on which its agricultural, commercial, fiscal, financial and legislative policy is founded, should be allowed to do so to their individual loss. The Contingent Committee of the House of Commons will be doing a simple act of justice by recommending that the publisher of the Directories shall suffer no loss this time.

It would be impossible to give the reader even a faint outline of the voluminous indexes which accompanies these volumes, but that in order to a due appreciation of the Publisher's labors we have only to refer to the Preface for the outspoken and candid manner in which the difficulties which he labored under are detailed. The great value of this book to professional and business men is the facility with which the address of any resident can be found in all parts of the Dominion, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. At the heading of each list of names we have the position of the place geographically defined, giving the population, means of communication, and historical synopsis, shewing the character and extent of the trade of the city, town, or village described; the whole diversified with well written and vigorous historical sketches of the various Provinces—Canada under the French rule, the permanent settlements in, and Indian wars; also a complete list of the Governors of Canada, from the year 1540 down to the present day. The whole work is replete with most useful and valuable information, and will be of great value to all public institutions, as well as to every business and professional man. The Publisher has prepared a work of national utility and should be rewarded accordingly.

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