

The QUESTION OF IMMIGRATION to Canada has assumed a new phase. Late English papers contain letters from disappointed immigrants which are the reverse of complimentary to this country. One of these letters contains some striking statements. The writer's experience was limited to Muskoka, the coldest district in Ontario, and to last winter, the coldest ever witnessed in Canada. Both the district and the season are exceptions to the general climate and condition of the country. But his fact is not disclosed by the author, whose statement is therefore a most unfair and unfaithful one. He says winter begins the first of November, and lasts until the end of May—seven months; that summer immediately succeeds winter, and that there is no spring. That in winter the people often get their limbs frozen and become cripples; and that in summer they are tortured by mosquitos, and black-flies, until life becomes a burthen. Without stopping to examine how much of this is true as to the northern districts of Muskoka, our readers will perceive it is grossly false as representing the country generally, where as a rule we have only four months of winter, and these dry and healthy, and not excessively cold; whilst our summers are long and beautifully pleasant, and such discomforts as mosquitos and black-flies are unknown.

The INSULTS by the CHINESE officers at Peking to the British Minister are not likely to lead to anything more serious than words; the affair is likely to be settled by diplomacy. It is not likely the Emperor of China will be able to see safety in a war with Great Britain, especially for so miserable a cause as the one which has created the difficulty, and in which England is clearly in the right. The call for more British troops is probably only intended to strengthen the diplomatic influence of the British Ambassador.

The insurrection of the Slavonic provinces in Turkey has been augmented by the revolt of Albania, the country on the west side of the Adriatic, and south-east of Herzegovina and Bosnia. The Turks appear to be losing ground, and unable to control their subjects.

Official Announcements.

ARRANGEMENT OF PRESBYTERIES IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEETINGS

QUEBEC.—The Presbytery of Quebec will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, on the 2nd Wednesday of September next, at 12 o'clock noon. Dr. Cook, Moderator.

HURON.—The Presbytery of Huron will meet in Scabroft, on the 2nd Tuesday of October, at 11 a.m.

BROOKVILLE.—The Presbytery of Brookville will meet at Brookville, and within St. John's Church there, on the 3rd Tuesday of September, at 3 p.m. Probationers appointed to this Presbytery will please correspond with the Rev. A. Brown, Lynn, Ont.

BRUCE.—The Presbytery of Bruce will meet at Paisley, on Tuesday, September 29th, at 2 o'clock.

CHATHAM.—At Boshwell, on Monday, September 27th, at 3 o'clock p.m.

HAMILTON.—An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton will be held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on Thursday, August 27th, at 11 o'clock a.m. John Loring, Pres. Clerk.

KINGSTON.—Next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on the second Tuesday of October ensuing, at 7 30 p.m.

TORONTO.—Next meeting in the lecture room of Knox Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of October, at 11 a.m.

OTTAWA.—An adjourned meeting at North Tower on the 18th October at 3 p.m. Next quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the 9th November, at 3 p.m.

SAUGEN.—Presbytery of Saugen takes place at Harrison on 31st September, at 4 o'clock p.m.—The Presbytery of Saugen holds an adjourned meeting at Durham on 31st August at 11 o'clock.

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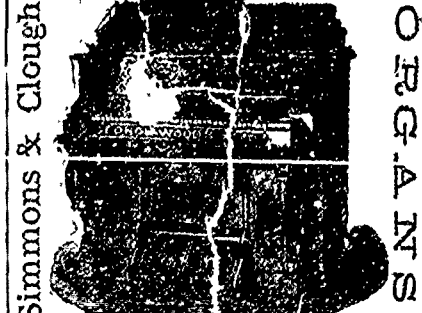
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