

dine. Each succeeding month appears to be extending the proportions of the war, and lessening the prospects of a successful termination to the North. We fear that foreign intervention alone will bring it to a bearing.

THE British American Colonies have, through their respective governments, come to a resolution to take advantage of the offered guarantee of the mother country, and build the Intercolonial Railroad. The proportions assigned are said to be—Canada, five-twelfths, and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, seven-twelfths. The minimum cost will be £3,000,000 sterling, the interest on which will amount to £105,000 sterling, which, at three and a half per cent., would add £38,000 currency per year to the present obligations of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia respectively. We should be glad to see some scheme devised which would place the Colonies in a position to undertake and carry to completion so important a Provincial work.

LAST month, quite an exciting Rifle contest took place at the village of Truro, between representatives of the various Volunteer corps in the Lower Provinces. The palm was carried by Major Pollard of P. E. Island.

SUFFERING in England is extending and making itself felt to an alarming degree, with little or no prospect of a speedy remedy. Large sums are being collected for its partial alleviation, and it is gratifying to record the enthusiastic generosity of some of the cities of Canada, more especially Montreal, which has transmitted the magnificent sum of \$12,000, an example which might be imitated with great propriety by the cities of Halifax and St. John.

THE Great Exhibition is still open. The visitors average 50,000 a-day, and the receipts about £3,000 a-day. It is questionable whether it will meet its own expenses.

THE marriage of the Prince of Wales is now no longer a matter of speculation,—it having been definitely settled that he is to form an alliance with a Danish princess next spring. His Royal Highness will complete his majority on the 11th of November next.

THE English harvest will, it is said, be rather under an average one. That of France

will be fair; while the cereals of America, according to all accounts, will exceed those of any previous year.

THE leading event in Europe during the last month, has been the capture of Garibaldi and his followers by a detachment of Sardinian troops. The action of Garibaldi has been generally condemned by moderate people of all parties, as impolitic and impracticable. His temporary success would undoubtedly have led to complications of the gravest nature, bringing back the Italian States to a condition of anarchy, and striking perhaps a fatal blow at Italian liberty itself almost before it has had time to take root in the soil.

A WORK recently published, entitled "Our Moral Wastes," gives some interesting statistics connected with the city of London,—among others, that the average attendance at Church, by all denominations, is 374,000, out of nearly 3,000,000. In London there are 20,000 public houses open on Sunday, and only 750 Protestant Churches. More than 100,000 people are found intoxicated every year in the streets of London. There are said to be 20,000 fallen women, 10,000 gamblers, as many children trained to crime, and an equal number of professional thieves and receivers of stolen goods. Energetic efforts are being made in Edinburgh and Glasgow to carry the gospel into the most vicious parts of these great cities with considerable success. There are not fewer than thirty separate missions in active operation, and more than one Mission Church being nearly self-supporting in places where the very name of Christianity was formerly practically unknown.

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