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## THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

The bill constituting the new Province of Manitoba was changed by the Government, in obedience to the general expression of opinion as to its limits, after its first introduction. As stated by us last week, its western limit was fixed at ninety eight degrees fifteen minutes, thereby excluding the Settlement of Portage La Prairie, and a few others of less importance. Before the second reading, however, Sir John A. Macdonald explained that it having

been made evident to the Government that the people of the Portage desired to be included in the new Province, the western boundary had been advanced three-quarters of a degree; that is, the frontage of the Province on the American boundary line has been extended so as to embrace the whole territory between the 96th and 99th degrees W. long., the dimensions north and south remaining as before stated. By this arrangement the Portage, some sixty miles west of Fort Garry, and some minor

settlements are included; and the population of the Province increased by about two thousand souls. The five per cent. interest on the proportion of debt, \$27.27 per head, will therefore be paid on 17,000 instead of 15,000 people; but otherwise the financial arrangements as stated last week remain. This change in the limits of the Province is a great improvement on the original bill, —because it embraces all the existing settlements; and it has also been positively provided that the limits may



COLLISION BETWEEN THE STEAMSHIP "GERMANY" AND THE S. S. "CITY OF QUEBEC."—See page 443.