

basca, and one of the most energetic of the Lower Canada Rouge party, died suddenly, of disease of the heart, on November 1st.

—The rumor that it was intended to invoke Imperial legislation on the subject of our school system to meet the demands of the minorities in each section of the Province, is denied on authority by the *Minerve*.

—Very successful experiments have been made with peat as fuel on the Grand Trunk Railway. There are large quantities of peat in many parts of the Province, and the experiments have thoroughly established its great value.

—Mr. Seward has requested to be furnished with a copy of the record and proceedings in the trials of the Fenians at Toronto, and urges upon Sir Frederick Bruce the importance of clemency being exercised toward the condemned men. His interference is received with a good deal of indignation among all classes in Canada.

Mr. Snyder, the inventor of the breach-loading rifle which bears his name, and which is now being placed in the hands of the British troops, is dead. The English papers are very bitter in their remarks upon the treatment Mr. Snider received at the hands of the Government, alleging, and apparently on good ground, that the illiberality and want of consideration of the War-office greatly accelerated his death. His case was taken up by several of the leading journals, but too late for the unfortunate inventor to benefit by the awakening of public feeling; he was then on his death-bed, worn out by the cruelties he had suffered, literally dying of starvation.

—The Secretary of State for War has invited proposals for breech loading rifles, to replace the present service rifles. The various conditions of the new arm are minutely specified. Rewards of £1000, £600, £500, and £400 are offered for the best cartridge. If the rifle to which the first prize is awarded is adopted into the service, it will bear the inventor's name. There will be a trial of the arms accepted for competition, and £300 will be paid to each accepted competitor.

—The insanity of the Empress Carlotta, who so recently undertook a mission to France on behalf of her Royal husband, Maximilian of Mexico, is confirmed. She is said to suffer from religious monomania.

—In nearly every town in Canada subscriptions are being taken up for the sufferers by the late fire at Quebec. The Mayor of Quebec has received by cable, intelligence of large subscriptions in England; and our neighbors across the lines are contributing liberally.

"THE CRAFTSMAN."

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The new Monthly presents a very attractive appearance, is dressed out in new type and good paper, and altogether seems a very readable periodical.—*Brantford Expositor*.

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It is very creditably got up, and should receive the patronage of the Fraternity.—*Stanstead Journal*.

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