

The Chinese in the West.

For some time we have been familiar with accounts of trouble on the western coast of this continent, arising from the vast numbers of Chinese constantly flocking thither, and especially to California. It is probable, however, that very few of our readers are aware of the nature or the extent of the inconvenience; both of which very far surpass anything that we should have been led to expect. Had not this been the case, we should have been inclined to think the colonists' treatment of them exceedingly harsh. Recent accounts, however, present the evil in a more definite form, so that we are better able than we were some time ago to form an estimate of it. It appears that in California out of a population of 800,000, no less than 200,000 are Chinese. San Francisco, with 250,000 inhabitants, has a still larger proportion of them. The colonists themselves for the first time appear to have been aroused to a sense of the danger of being absolutely overwhelmed by these visitors from the "middle kingdom," on learning that for the spring and summer six months, vessels have been engaged at Hong Kong to convey Chinese immigrants at the rate of four or five thousand a month, and that six companies are engaged in this traffic, which agree to take back to China the remains of those who come out and die in California. There are three especially mischievous facts in connexion with this influx of Mongolians. One is that multitudes of them are taking out their papers of naturalization, with a view to exercising the franchise. The vote of course is given to the highest bidder, and thus, the temptation to wholesale corruption is largely increased. Out of the 75,000 in San Francisco, it is estimated that 10,000 belong to the criminal class, and further, crowding the gaols, hospitals, and asylums, they add enormously to the taxation of the citizens. Another aspect of the case, and a still worse one, is revealed by the fact that a large proportion of them are women of an abandoned kind, who are brought out under contract, and compelled to remain in bondage for a term of years. A bill of sale of one of these creatures was recently exhibited in court, from which it appeared that she was sold in China for \$80, was bought in San Francisco for \$500, and was bound body and soul to her master for four years and a-half; and whole streets in the heart of the city are devoted to this class of women. When they become sick and incapable, they are put out on the street to take their chance of living or dying.

These facts will give some idea of the kind and magnitude of the evil that has excited so much attention; and as British Columbia is also suffering from the same infliction, the subject is one that directly concerns ourselves.

The Turkish Question.

Some events of a more decided character have taken place in reference to this subject, which has claimed so large a share of the attention of the civilized world. As our readers will have learned more than a week ago, war has actually begun between Servia and Turkey, and we refer to the fact at the present time for the purpose of expressing our deep sympathy with the oppressed Christians at the hands of fanatical Mohammedans. There is one view of the case which forcibly presents itself as a matter deserving some consideration, and with not a little difficulty in the solution. It is that Servia and the oppressed nationalities stand alone in having undertaken a cause which ought to concern the whole of Christendom, while Europe stands aloof from the contest and looks on, not with indifference indeed, although with a kind of philosophic composure, prepared to see the cause of Christianity in Turkey trampled upon in the future, in much the same fashion as in the past, if the Servians and their allies should be unsuccessful, or equally ready to congratulate them on their success, should they be so fortunate as to beat the Turks. The policy of non-intervention, adopted by British statesmen of late, is still adhered to; but "the integrity of the Turkish empire" appears to be as firmly rooted as ever in the minds of those who govern in the councils of Great Britain. The attitude assumed by Russia, Austria, and Prussia sufficiently showed that they were prepared to furnish something more than moral support to the Christians. But the preparations so vigorously made by England appear to have very suddenly and very effectively changed the current of events as proposed by themselves. These preparations may have insured the peace of Europe generally if they have held out but little hope to the Christians of Turkey. England has assembled in the Levant the most formidable fleet the world has ever seen brought together; and the fortresses of Gibraltar and Malta are being prepared beyond all former precedent for the most tremendous struggle that has ever been known. From the rock of Gibraltar, seven thousand guns can be brought to bear on any vessel that attempts to pass the straits, and two vessels laden with powder arrive every day from England. Artillery men are everywhere

mounting guns, and all the officers and men on furlough have been recalled. We are glad to hear of these signs of vigor—the surest way to prevent the actual breaking out of war. But yet we would ask, is it right that the Christians of Turkey, oppressed and demoralized as they must have become, should bear the whole brunt of Mohammedan malice against the Christian religion, and of Turkish oppression and misrule?

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTH. At Almonte, on the 3rd July, 1876, Mrs. McKENZIE, widow of the late Rev. W. McKenzie of a son. At L'Original, County of Prescott, on the 6th inst., the wife of JOHN FRASER, of a daughter, both doing well. At Norway House, North-West Territories on the 26th April, 1876, the wife of DONALD CAMPBELL, M. TAVIER, Esq., of the Hudson Bay Company's service, of a daughter. MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, on the 28th June, by the Rev. R. Cro, D.D., Mr. JOHN McLELLAN, to Miss AGNES PRYDE, both of Godorich, P. E. I. At Godorich, on the 28th June, by the Rev. R. Cro, D.D., Mr. MARTIN ROBE, of Bay City, Mich., to Miss MARY McFARLANE, of Godorich. On the 1st July, by Rev. James Slevierght, M.A., BENJAMIN McINTYRE, Engineer, Godorich, to ESTHER JENKINS, Bay City, Michigan. At the residence of the bride's father, Petrolia, on Thursday, the 6th inst., Mr. JOHN F. JOHNSON, of the Brant Union, to CATHERINE, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Oliver, Petrolia. At Pakenham, on the 6th June, by the Rev. J. Stewart, Mr. JOHN BARR, of McNabb, to Miss MARY DYNES, of Pakenham.

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Table with columns for location (Toronto, London, Ottawa, Montreal) and various commodities (Wheat, Barley, Oats, etc.) with prices per bushel or unit.

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