

The Prince's progress still attracts great attention. We are proud to be able to state that in these Lower Provinces not a single incident happened to mar the harmony which reigned everywhere. In Canada, things have gone somewhat differently. Nothing could exceed the magnificence of the preparations or the almost universal enthusiasm of the people, but unfortunately there have been some unpleasant hitches. Some foolish Frenchmen hoisted the tri-color at Montreal, but we are bound to say lowered it when ordered to do so by Admiral Milne. The presentation or non-presentation of the Address of our Church at the same place, was awkward and unpleasant, but by far the most painful and distressing circumstance has been the conduct of the Orangemen at Kingston and Toronto. The words of Newcastle may have been peremptory and dictatorial, but the son of the Queen of England was at their gates as their invited guest. He asked them to receive him not as Orangemen, but as Canadians, and they would not. They invited him to a feast, and set a dish before him, which he asked to be allowed to decline, but they said no. You must. We have looked at the matter in every possible light and all we can say is, the whole affair is deplorable, and when a report of it reaches England, we fear the loyalty of Kingston will be considered synonymous with *Punira fides*, yet we believe most wrongfully. There were some difficulties, some disgraceful conduct—but on the whole a most enthusiastic and magnificent reception at Toronto. At latest accounts the Prince had entered United States territory, and was being well received.

The loss of the Lady Elgin Steamer with about 350 passengers, is one of the most appalling calamities we have ever had to record. She had a large pleasure party on board and was run into at night by a schooner, and went down in less than half an hour, about six miles from land. Most of the passengers were of the highest respectability—one of them H. Ingram, an M. P., and Proprietor of the "London News." Their sad fate will bring sorrow to many a desolate home.

The slave trade seem to be reaching fearful proportions in the United States.

The all absorbing subject at home is still the progress of Garibaldi, who seems to advance literally without opposition, and to have won a kingdom, possessing an army of 100,000 men and a powerful navy, almost without striking a blow. We still fear that this very success will lead to dangerous complications. Austria is ready and anxious to strike, while her Italian provinces are in a fever of excitement. We all pray for the enfranchisement of Italy, but alas! if it is to be purchased by rivers of Italian blood.

Retribution is overtaking the murderers in Syria. Fuad Pasha, the Turkish Commissioner has already hanged 70 and shot 110 of them. 90 Druse chiefs have been arrested

and there is some prospect of speedy justice being meted out to these great criminals, and at least temporary order being restored, but what a fearful massacre of unoffending Christian people! at Damascus 5000 killed—20,000 fugitives—10,000 made widows—75,000 left entirely destitute—3000 women sold as slaves. Murders at Baalbec, Smyrna, Beyrout Aleppo, Jaffa, and other places. Surely the Christian powers will take measures to prevent a possibility of the repetition of such cruel scenes.

Nothing further from China.

Sir Henry Ward, late Governor of Ceylon, is dead.

Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson Bay Company, is dead. This gentleman possessed immense energy of character, and travelled we believe more than once round the world *by land*.

The excitement for rifle shooting has spread into Germany. A castle valued 150,000 francs is offered as a prize at a grand match open to all the world.

At a trial with Armstrong guns, balls have been made to penetrate 7 feet into a solid stone wall at a distance of 200 yards.

Spain seems to be rapidly rising in the scale; she is paying her debts and has purchased 8 first-class steamers in England. Up to the present time she has been the most bigoted and intolerant of all Catholic countries.

Great fears were entertained for the crops in England in consequence of unprecedented wet weather, but latest accounts were more favorable. To give our readers some idea of how they farm at home, we may state that farmers have obtained as an average price for potatoes from £14 to £28 per acre; wheat £11 to £14.

We have just observed in an American paper, that Walker the notorious filibuster had been taken, and was immediately to be shot. The sympathy for this bad man seems to have quite died out in the States.

The Free Church have been holding the Tri-Centenary of the Reformation, of which an account is given in another column.

The Rev. Mr. Blackwood has been presented to Scoonie.

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