

## THANKSGIVING DAY.

The different Protestant religious denominations have united in setting apart the *sixteenth* of this month as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. However much we may need the setting apart of a day for *humiliation* and prayer, it is to be hoped that His Excellency the Governor-General will declare this a public *Holiday* throughout the Dominion, that all ranks and classes may have the opportunity of its improvement and enjoyment.

Despite the dark cloud that has come over our political horizon, we have much, very much for which to render our united thanks to the Giver of all good. In business, prosperity has smiled on all classes during the past year, as shown by the increased wages of the labourer, the large sales of our merchants, the enlargement and multiplication of manufactories, the activity of banking-houses, the prosperity of our magnificent merchant marine, and the thousands of strangers who have been gathered to our shores, where they have found a home and friends in a land of plenty.

Though we were filled with our usual forebodings, an abundant harvest has covered our land, and is now gathered into our barns and garners. The army of invaders from Colorado has spared our potatoes, and the blight and mildew our wheat, so that we have in most of our staple growths a yield above the ordinary average, ensuring sufficient food for man and beast at home, and a generous overplus with which to supply the hungry and destitute of other nations.

Peace has possessed all our borders; great destructions through floods and flames have been averted; and that giant destroyer among diseases that has stalked through Europe and stepped over to this continent and come so near our homes, has not been suffered as yet to smite us.

Though there has been no marked religious movements among us since our last annual thanksgivings were rendered, general prosperity and progress were shown by the statistics recently given at the annual meetings of the various denominations; and a spirit of harmony, with a longing desire for closer union among the different families of God, generally prevails. Moreover, we may never cease our thanksgivings that we are suffered to bear the Divine name of God our Saviour, and hold however humble a place as His servants in seeking the world's salvation. Who can begin to tell or remember the long list of family and personal blessings and joys of which we have all been the recipients? So many blessings have come down from heaven through the christianity by Christ, that the world seems to blossom like the rose; and though we have too many sorrowful reminders of its sad ruin, its rapid repair is everywhere visible, through the agency of God's word, the light of life, shining upon every land.

In our thanksgivings we will not forget that we form an important part of that Empire upon which the sun never sets—that God's blessings upon England and her dependencies have been great; and we will all pray, God save the Queen. Let the spirit that possessed David lead us to say: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me