

thought that, with the aid of Yankee Fenians, he might strike a blow at the British Empire, and deprive her of her American possessions ; that being gained, they would have Canada and British Columbia as a base of operations against England. Monstrous as their proposals may appear, yet the priests here thought the thing quite feasible. Accordingly, O'D—— put himself in communication with the United States Fenians, and the plan of operations adopted was that the United States Fenians, as being the most numerous, were to attack Canada, and hold them in check, and prevent them from sending forces to Red River, while Riel and Co. would keep Red River in subjection. So confident were they of this plan succeeding, that Riel and his party commenced the initiative by murdering Thomas Scott, one of my fellow-prisoners, merely because he was an Orangeman—a warning to Protestants what they have to expect if Catholicism gains the ascendancy. But, by the kindness of an overruling Providence, the Fenian attack on Canada was a gigantic failure, and the avengers of innocent blood are on their way to Red River. Riel and his accursed crew are now 'in doubts whereunto the thing will grow.' Bishop T—— went off in hot haste to Canada, to try what he could do to get Riel and his associates pardoned, but as yet he has got no satisfaction. There is no doubt but that he has got a powerful party in the Canadian Parliament to support him, but it is doubtful whether the Canadian Government will dare to grant a pardon which the majority in the country are against. However, that is of no consequence. There are about a thousand Orangemen on their way to Red River, and sixty prisoners who were imprisoned by Riel last winter—myself among the number—in Red River, all sworn to avenge the death of their murdered brother and comrade. Riel, O'D——, and L——, these three may get a dozen pardons, but that will not save them if they stay in Red River. For my part, I feel indignant at the treatment we have received at the hands of these Jesuits, and, if I should ever chance to come at any of these three men, I would shoot him like a dog, and think it no crime. I have