

RED RIVER INSURRECTION.

THE period has at length arrived for disabusing the public mind of the false impressions which have been made on it, chiefly by the Hon. William McDougall, the intended Lieutenant Governor of the North-West territory, but likewise by many well-meaning persons in the Province of Ontario, who, in ignorance of facts, have allowed their natural feelings of irritation at several atrocious acts committed by the insurgents to bias their judgment with regard to the policy of the Dominion Government. It is our intention to lay before our readers a narrative of the circumstances which led to the insurrection, and of the difficulties with which the Government had to contend, and we shall quote largely from authentic public documents, the most important being the "Correspondence relative to the recent disturbances in the Red River settlement, presented to both Houses of Parliament, by command of Her Majesty, August, 1870." Although several of the documents from which we shall quote were laid before the Dominion Parliament, during its last session. others, and especially several confidential despatches and cable telegrams, have only lately reached this country. The opinion formed by Her Majesty's Imperial Government on