

WAR NEWS.

The news from the war for the past week has been very tame. No special movements are reported, and it is evident that both sides are recruiting after the last battle. The Confederates seem to be gaining ground in Kentucky. It is reported that the federal army is to be increased to 1,000,000. So much the worse, we fear they will prevent each other from doing anything.

It has been urged with much apparent candor that the Intercolonial Railway will be the best step towards the completion of the long-cherished project of a trans-Canada line. This is the phase of the subject which deeply interests the people of Canada West, and the fact cannot be concealed that if some steps are not taken to open up to the North-West, we will be both to grant millions of money for the sole benefit of the people of the East. Let the Government hold out a reasonable inducement of this kind and we will be forced to admit that they have at heart "The greatest possible good to the greatest possible number."

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition just closed in Toronto has been eminently successful. The number of visitors who crowded in from all parts of the Province, must, no doubt, have been well rewarded for their trouble. As an illustration of the progress of Canada West nothing could be better adapted than such an Exhibition, and we believe Lord Monck will take back with him to the capital a better idea of our agricultural and manufacturing resources than can be derived from a volume on the subject. We can form some idea of the number of visitors who were admitted when we remember what the Exhibition had not seen it surpassed in England or Ireland. Certainly our country is reason to be proud of its present position and prospects for the future.

THE UNION HOPELESS!

Mr. Gerrit Smith, in a lengthy letter to the N. Y. Tribune, draws a gloomy picture of the future of the Republic. He believes the North is undergoing a chastisement from the Great God on account of her sins, one of which, and the most enormous, is a support of the peculiar institution. Mr. Smith's deduction, when he writes upon subjects of a religious nature, are not always marked by sound sense, but we think that in the present instance he is not far from the truth. The following is the groundwork of his fears: "It is only when I look at the Great God of the universe, and see how he is punishing the oppressors, and how he is supporting the oppressed. Therefore, and only therefore, do I tremble. Could I see her repenting I should hope she might be saved. But not even then would I be certain of her salvation. Her people might repent and save themselves without saving their nation. To make her a signal monument of her abhorrence of oppression and as a loud warning to other nations God may have determined, be the penitent or impitent, to break up this nation entirely and perhaps for ever."

While we rejoice at the tokens of general prosperity as indicated by the Exhibition, we regret that so few of our Huron farmers have the ambition to compete in some of the benches. This county can hardly be surprised for fertility and we think that if a proper spirit of enterprise were manifested, Huron might figure as prominently at present in the Prize List. It is, however, possible that in future years more may be done towards keeping up our credit as one of the best agricultural counties in the Province.

Singular enough, the principal prizes awarded by Huron men were in art. Mr. Crosswell's splendid pictures being produced by good judges as most creditable, and such as would meet with admiration from the connoisseurs of Europe. The great length of the prize list and the small amount of space at our command precludes the possibility of publishing it in full.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

Our recent reception of the Governor General, which caused large crowds to assemble did not lead to any cases of importance for the attention of the constables, for all went off most peacefully. But one case came before the magistrates on Saturday, which it is hoped, will operate as a warning to a certain set of lads who in fact the town. A crew of bad boys got very tipsy at a late hour of the night, and some of them got through the window of the dining room of the Huron, at nearly three in the morning, where the doors were fast, and they appeared to be looking out for the white man. Mr. McLean was caught, and stands committed for trial.

Yesterday one Wilson was brought up for being seized. He had hired a horse to go to Clinton, and was caught with the property a short distance on this side of Michigan, having been absent much longer than he promised to be. The witness swore that he was just attempting to sell the horse when he was found. He stands committed to the assizes.

ABOLITION OF NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.—The public will be interested to know that there is a prospect of the unpopular postage on newspapers being withdrawn. Mr. Foley is in favor of the change, and will, we believe, recommend it to the Cabinet. It is believed that by the withdrawal of the postage on newspapers, an amount will be saved almost equivalent to the sum realized from the postage. There is no doubt the Press is deeply interested in the proposed change, but it must be beneficial to the community at large.

TOOK PRIZES.—Messrs. R. M. Waller & C., of Hamilton, were fortunate enough to carry off the prizes offered for sewing Machines, at the Exhibition. This firm was entitled to, as their Machines are confessedly the best manufactured in the Province. Mr. John Henry is the Agent for Goderich, and parties desirous of purchasing should call at once and inspect for themselves.

CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.—We have much pleasure in noticing the appearance of the first number of this paper, which is published weekly, in Hamilton, at \$3.00 a year. The prospect is got up in a very handsome manner and the appearance is an excellent style which reflects much credit on the artist employed. The "Settler's First Home" is the most like picture of the home we have ever seen. The paper is well edited and the reading matter varied and interesting. We sincerely hope the enterprise will be supported as it appears to be by the Canadian Public, and that the proprietors will be amply rewarded for their pains.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY for October is a good number, and contains several articles peculiarly suited to Americans at the present time. The opening article on Antislavery is well written. This fine Monthly is the simplest and best on the Continent. It is for sale at the Signal Office, and by booksellers generally throughout Canada.

The sale of Fruit Trees has been postponed till the 15th inst.

A Ploughing Match, in connection with the C. H. A. S., will be held on Thursday the 16th inst. Further particulars will be given in our next.

SCHEDULE OF CONVICTIONS,

Made by Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, From the June Sessions to the September Sessions, 1862.

Table with columns: Name of Prosecutor, Name of Defendant, Nature of Charge, Date of Conviction, Names of Convicted, Amount of Penalty, Time when paid or to be paid, By whom paid over by, and REMARKS. The table contains numerous entries of convictions for various offenses such as assault, theft, and breach of the peace.

MR. CROSSWELL'S PAINTING.

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