

teachers belonging to any Christian sect, their control being thus virtually removed from the Church and handed over to secular boards. The emoluments of teachers are also to be largely increased. There is a proviso in the bill that every teacher on his election is to come under a bond to do or say nothing against the Established Church, or the Confession of Faith, but as has been well remarked, he is not therefore obliged to say any thing in favor of either, and that should a teacher refuse to teach the leading doctrines of Christianity in his school, he could not be removed, provided he said nothing against them. There are, however, many excellent features in the bill, and it is a pity that the Church did not move sooner and more actively to get the objectionable clauses removed. We fear it is now too late.

Glasgow Cathedral has received other three presentation windows executed in the highest style of art. We may explain that these windows contain designs illustrating some scriptural subject—painted by the most distinguished artists, and that the cost of a single window ranges from £700 to £1500. The finest specimens have hitherto been executed at Munich, though it is said that the Messrs. Ballantyne of Scotland almost contest the palm with the foreigner for skill and beauty of design as well as perfection of manufacture of the material.

The celebrated Dundee Stipend case, after a dreary and most expensive litigation, has at length been partially settled by the House of Lords, in a manner not very satisfactory to either party. The Presbytery of Dundee claimed certain properties in the town of Dundee, of very considerable value, as by law set apart for the maintenance of the established clergy of that place. The authorities questioned the right, and it has now been decided that a certain portion does and another does not belong to the Church, leaving however, an opening for fresh litigation. It will perhaps be better for both parties to accept the verdict as a kind of compromise, more especially as we believe it leaves enough to give the ministers of Dundee a fair remuneration.

We observe that a paragraph has been going the round of the papers to the effect that the dowager duchess of Sutherland had become a convert to the Roman Catholic faith. The report, we are glad to find has been formally contradicted by a member of her grace's family.

We observe that an attempt has been made to assassinate the King of Prussia. The only motive alleged by the would-be assassin, was that the king though an upright and excellent man was not equal to his great position. His Majesty had a narrow escape, the ball having grazed his neck.

Preparations for the Exhibition of 1862 are going on with great spirit in Great Britain. Sreuous efforts are being made by some of our leading men in this Province to

have Nova Scotia worthily represented, but in the country generally, the effort has not as yet been seconded with much enthusiasm. It is not yet too late, and we trust that every section will see it to be both its interest and duty to have their native county well represented at this great contest of the arts of peace of all nations.

Instead of going as usual to Scotland, the Queen has this year arranged to visit Ireland, to the great joy of all her subjects in the Green Isle. The most enthusiastic preparations are being made for the reception of their beloved Sovereign.

A trial trip has taken place of one of the great iron clad frigates—the *Black Prince*; and her speed, 14 knots an hour, has satisfied the most sanguine. Her hull is covered with iron plates  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick, and she measures altogether 6000 tons.

The census in Scotland discloses some unexpected facts, among others a decrease in the population in not fewer than 12 out of the 33 counties. These counties are chiefly but not altogether Highland counties. The decrease in Argyle is nine per cent.

Lord John Russell, after a public life of 47 years has been elevated to the peerage.

The fleet of war ships in our waters is now very formidable, numbering altogether not fewer than 39 vessels, most of them of the largest dimensions, and possessing the most recent and therefore the most terrible means of destruction. The *Diadem*, supposed to be the finest, the largest, the most powerful and the fleetest frigate ever built, arrived the other day in the harbor of Halifax. It is evident that England is fully prepared to look after British interests in American waters.

Another battle has been fought in the United States, resulting in the defeat of the Federalists, and the loss of their commander and most of their artillery, at a place called Springfield in Missouri. The President has called for 400,000 men and £100,000,000 of money. An income tax has been initiated, heavy duties imposed, and a national debt inaugurated. The Confederate armies in the meantime are said to be preparing to act on the offensive and attack Washington, but the truth is, nothing is known of the plans or intentions of the South, who have hitherto been remarkably successful in keeping their own counsel.

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