

"denounced the treacherous franc-tireurs who now stand in their blouses with their hands in their pockets, and in the next moment when our soldiers have passed by take their rifles out of the ditch and fire at them." "It will come to this," he added "that we will shoot down every male inhabitant."

That illustrious statesman said, conciliation will commence as soon as the enemy laid down their arms—but no sooner

The Boers were offered a settlement of peace and amity at Bloemfontain and they rejected it. As they have since persisted in attacking and invading a British Colony at every opportunity, the only course open is to bring those into absolute subjection who are keeping up a sort of highwayman's war on British troops and on the peace-desiring inhabitants of the Transvaal, Natal and Cape Colony.

Two arches are likely to be erected on the route of the royal procession when the Duke and Duchess visit this city. The St. George's Society has secured permission to occupy a site on Dorchester Street near the Windsor Hotel, on which to erect an arch that we are informed will be emblematic of Canada, and display the loyalty of "the sons of St. George." We trust a little friendly rivalry will spring up out of which some other national society or group of such societies will erect another arch. How about our Scotch friends? Surely they will not allow the banner of St. Andrew to be absent when that of St. George is flying. The city athletes are reported to be considering the erection of an arch emblematical of the field sports of Canada. A floral arch displaying the flowers and the fruits of the Island of Montreal would attract the eyes, and evoke the admiration of the Royal visitors. It might be made quite a novelty and a credit to the taste of the citizens, as well as such a display of the fruitfulness of Canadian soil, and of the favourable conditions of the Canadian climate, as would make a deep impression in the old country. We must bear in mind that the British illustrated papers have their artists accompanying the Duke and Duchess, so, whatever is done here in the way of decorations, will be depicted in the illustrated journals of London, of Melbourne and New York, probably also in those of Paris and Berlin. Montreal therefore should rise to this grand opportunity.

The citizen's committee that has the arrangements in charge for the reception of the Royal visitors, has already received subscriptions amounting to \$17,000. The banks and insurance companies have given very handsome sums, and their liberality has been equalled by a number of private citizens, some of

whom have also given a guarantee equal to their subscription. Montreal in this feature will be highly distinguished, as becomes its wealth and its rank as the commercial metropolis of the Dominion.

The revelations of criminal corruption on the part of the police force of New York, though revolting are no novelties. One officer has been sent to the penitentiary for having been in direct association with criminals. Others are charged with the same offence. The places of unlawful resorts, gambling halls, etc., have been proven to have had telephone warnings given them by policemen of a contemplated raid. Even burglars have been so sheltered from arrest. The scandal illustrates the necessity of keeping the police force entirely independent of secret societies and influences. The force in New York is in control of Tammany, and that organization wields it for its private ends. Hence these disgraceful exposures.

An incident occurred during the Royal visitors stay in New Zealand which shows the sympathetic nature of the Duke. When the royal train was running between Christ Church and Dunedin the Duke desired it to stop opposite the residence of Mr. John McKenzie, an old and distinguished colonist. Mr. McKenzie was ill, but was able to accept the Duke's invitation to visit the royal car. On bidding good bye, the Duke knighted his visitor, who went home as, Sir John McKenzie K. C. M. G. The first time this honour was conferred in a railway carriage.

We understand that another large insurance building is likely to be erected in the near future on St. James street, in this city, by a leading fire insurance company. The projected structure would add much to the appearance of St. James street, which is becoming the Lombard street and Wall street, of Montreal. The rumor is believed to have a solid foundation.

The reported withdrawal of the French Ambassador from Turkey will not lead to a war. The quarrel amounts to a mere case of dunning to secure payment of a debt, the debtor being the Sultan and the creditors French citizens. Nations are often very bad payers, their officials presume so much upon their being above the ordinary powers of the law. England is not clear of offence. After the Danish war the English government compensated the British merchants for their loss of goods in the bombardment of Copenhagen, but did not recoup British vessel owners for their losses. For many years, in both Houses, distinguished Lords and Commons pleaded