

soldiers, and some fresh companies of militia, were coming upon them, but when this force reached Fort Erie, the Fenians had all fled across the river to the United States.

This was the end of the Fenian "*raid*" into Upper Canada. It lasted about four days.

At some parts of the borders of Lower Canada there were bodies of Fenians collected. They crossed over and plundered the little village of Frelighsburg but got back again before the soldiers and militia could catch them. The second time they tried to cross they were fired upon by the militia and beaten back before they had got ten yards across the boundary line. A few prisoners were taken and sent to jail.

From first to last, the doings of the Fenians, were nothing better than robbery and murder, under the wicked pretence of doing good to Ireland.

CHAPTER LIII.

Increase of the Territory of Canada.—The Maritime Provinces.
Manitoba.—North West Territories.—Province
of British Columbia.

241. The territory now known by the name of *Canada* has been increased very much indeed within a few years past. Instead of consisting only of the old Provinces called Upper and Lower Canada, it now includes a vast country which reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. In fact, nearly all the other Provinces of British America have been added to what was formerly Canada, so that in future, a complete study of the history of Canada must include that of those other Provinces.

In this, and the remaining chapter, there will be space for stating only such further particulars as are most necessary for the young learner to know.

242. The old Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with Prince Edward Island, which are