

a hard one in more than one sense. The English Government repudiates intervention as likely rather to aggravate than modify the evil. France is still said to be willing to try her hand in that direction, but does not like to do so alone.

GREAT dissatisfaction has been expressed in the British Parliament at the conduct of Canada in reference to a militia force. It is evident that England is under the impression that the Canadians wish to leave the responsibility and expense of defending them upon Imperial shoulders, and she is naturally indignant at the supposition. English statesmen and English public opinion have spoken out very plainly, and if Canada values or desires to retain British connection, she must both speak out and act. She now numbers nearly 3,000,000, and contributes nothing to her military protection, while the army costs the mother country 20 millions sterling. John Bull is generous to a fault, but it is evident he suspects that in this particular, his Colonial children are seeking to take advantage of his purse somewhat too largely. Let Canada look to her best interests in time, and show her spirit as well as her affection. The same remark is quite as applicable to ourselves.

VOLUNTEER shooting seems to be quite the rage just now, both here and in the mother country. It would appear to be the very life and being of the Volunteer movement. At present, New Brunswick stands first, P. E. Island second, and Nova Scotia third, though the shooting of all is said to be excellent.

It is said that another Colonial deputation is to be sent from this Province about the Inter-colonial Railroad. We would like to see the road, the difficulty is the wherewithal to build it.

WE regret to observe the death of a distinguished colonist, Sir Allan McNab, in his 65th year. His services during the rebellion of 1836 secured him the honor of knighthood. Sir Allan was a man of high character, and considerable abilities. It is said, with what truth we will not vouch, that during his last illness he was received into the Catholic Church. His perversion is denied by friends but maintained by his family, some of whom belong to that faith.

THERE is not much to chronicle with regard to ecclesiastical matters in Canada. We observe that the Canada *Presbyterian* has been all at once smitten with a strong Union *prechant*, and after remaining dumb while the subject was one of public discussion, can scarcely find enough to say about it now, notwithstanding that the Synod has declared the matter as closed, and dismissed it as impracticable. The effect of this new agitation cannot fail to be extremely mischievous, and if persisted in, may produce results not at present contemplated. We would recommend the friends of the Church of Scotland in Ca-

nada, to give the Union party the field entirely to themselves. The discussion of this subject can lead, as it has hitherto led, to nothing but bitterness. Surely it is an unseemly thing to see the reputed organ of our Church in Canada, acting in the very teeth of the spirit, and the decision of the Synod of 1861. In this matter the *Presbyterian* is the exponent only of a party, and that party a small minority of the Church, if we are to judge by the result of the vote taken on the question, by her highest court little more than a year ago. We can assure our contemporary he has grieved and disappointed his readers here.

A DECISION has been pronounced on the Cardross Case, in favor of the Free Church, on a technical point, the General Assembly as an ecclesiastical body, not being considered actionable in point of law, but the individuals comprising the Assembly. McMillan, it is said, is preparing to begin *de novo*, and for this purpose is soliciting subscriptions.

THE Archbishop of Armagh is dead. His living was worth £15,000 per annum, which he held for nearly 40 years.

SINCE the rising of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 8 new parishes have been added to its number, and applications for 8 more are before the Court of Teinds.

THE Endowment Scheme continues to make very satisfactory progress.

IN England, considerable discussion continues on the relative merits of fortifications, iron-plated ships, and Armstrong guns—all of them are swallowing up vast sums of money.

FRANCE is sending out a large additional expedition against Mexico, under General Forey.

GARIBALDI has undertaken a wild scheme against Rome, which is condemned by every sane person. Both France and Sardinia have declared against him, and his many friends in England deplore the mad step he has taken.

THE number daily visiting the Great Exhibition is about 60,000—not so many as that of '51.

ENGLAND threatens to have another war in China, but this time with the *Taepings*—who appear to be mere robbers and organized assassins.

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