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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Governor General and family have gone to Quebec, where, it is said, they will remain for a month, and shortly thereafter leave on a trip across the Continent visiting Manitoba and British Columbia.

The yacht *Countess of Dufferin*, after a successful cruise on Lake Ontario, is gone to Quebec. On her way down she called at Kingston, where she had new top sails and rigging put on. At Quebec she will have a new main mast put into her, the present one being too small for such a large main sail. She will from thence proceed to New York. She has about two tons of provisions aboard of her. Her crew consist of Major Gifford, V. C., R. C. Y. C., captain; Alex. Cutbber, sailing master; Captain J. Brotherton, navigator; W. Stocker, mate; Charles Boswell, steward; Captain J. Bryant, George Clancy, Charles Patterson, John Grant, Henry Boyd, Thos. Roberts, seamen. May she have prosperous breezes and come off the winner of the great prize.

Seventy-five head of cattle and twenty-five sheep, valued at 2,000 guineas, came on board the *Countess of Dufferin*, consigned to the Hon. Geo. Brown. There were also on board two bulls and a splendid cow, worth respectively 2,500, 1,500 and 2,700 guineas, for the same gentleman.

The officers of B Battery have arranged for two days' racing, to come off this week during the visit of Lord Dufferin.

The *Almonte Gazette* says—"On Saturday afternoon, 10th inst., a rifle shooting tournament took place at the range on Wylie's farm, between Captain W. R. Bell, of Brockville, and Lieut. J. K. Cole, of Almonte. The day was all that could be desired for such a contest, and quite a number of on-lookers and interested parties were present to witness the proceedings. We were unable to procure the score of the shots made during the course of the trial, but are in a position to say that after the allotted number of rounds had been fired at 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600 yards, Mr. Bell was declared the winner by nine points, he having made an aggregate score of 92 points, while Mr. Cole's total score was 83 points. The stakes shot for were \$25 a side."

The *Winnipeg Standard* says that Mr. Chambliss, the Manitoba representative on the Wimbledon team, left there on the steamer *Manicota* on the 3rd, to join his comrades who will sail for England on the 24th.

Farmers about Ottawa report the crop prospects as most favorable. Everything promises well except hay, which was injured somewhat by the frost, but is coming on pretty rapidly now. Crops are advanced fully a week further than at this time last year.

The Ontario Society of Artists' exhibition is now open to private view at their new building, on the north side of King street, Toronto. Lord Dufferin has sent two sketches. The exhibition as a whole is far ahead of the preceding ones, and includes some two hundred pictures.

The Postmaster General has decided to recommend establishing a post-office at Lake Tullon, Nipissing district. The office is situated near the line of the proposed Canada Pacific Railway, and will accommodate the lumber trade, and a large and rapidly increasing settlement which has hitherto been subject to great inconvenience from want of postal communication.

The *Quebec Canadian* states upon authority that there are fifteen hundred men now employed upon the North Shore Railway. At Portneuf, Lorette, St. Augustin, Deschambault, St. Anne, Batiscan, Yamachiche, Champlain, Pointe du Lac, and on the Piles Branch, work is being actively pushed forward. The station at the Palais in Quebec will be commenced in a few days.

Le Canada also says: "We are authorized to state that the De Boucherville Government has applied to the Federal Cabinet for the cricket field, and hopes to obtain it. It would be a magnificent site for the Parliamentary Buildings, if the cricket field be chosen for the purpose. We believe that the Jesuit Barracks will be demolished and their site converted into a public square. If between this and a few days the Government does not obtain the cricket field, tenders will be immediately called for the demolition of the barracks, and the erection of the new Parliamentary Buildings.

Large quantities of ice are still floating at the north side of Prince Edward Island, causing delay in the prosecution of the fisheries.

The *Chicago Inter-Ocean* says of the Canadian Fishery System:—"A great improvement has taken place within the past few years in Canadian Fisheries. The trout streams have been kept free from impurities, and unlawful fishing has diminished. The Commissioner of Fisheries has recently suggested that the salmon in different rivers are too numerous, and that means should be taken to lessen them. Since 1868 the salmon fishing in the Province of Quebec has yielded an increase of nearly 300 per cent. The vast increase throughout the entire Dominion is simply due to wise inspection and discriminate fishing. Canada possesses a great source of wealth in rivers and lakes, and every year their value is increasing."

The Captain of the American ship "Cromwell" has been sentenced by one of the Calcutta magistrates to a month's rigorous

imprisonment and a fine of 100 rupees for "tricing up" one of the ship's crew by the thumbs.

A despatch from New York, says the *Herald's* London special, states that the fortress of Gibraltar is being victualled to support a garrison of 2,000 for six weeks, and that the Admiralty have issued circulars to all large shipowners, requesting them to make a complete return of all their ships and steamers, and that certain vessels have been chartered for Government service.

The spring meeting of the 6th division, N. Y. S. N. G. Rifle Association opened on the 13th inst. at the East Syracuse range. Three matches were contested, Capt John A. Nichols, of Syracuse, winning the Directors match, the 49th Regt. team of Auburn the National Guard match, J. S. Borton, of the 18th Regt. of Oswego, the short range shoot. The attendance was small.

The first stage of the competition for the selection of an Irish rifle team for the international contest in America terminated at Dundalk on the 10th inst. The following are the names of those who have so far qualified in their order of merit:—J. J. O'Connell, Gell, Rigby, Clarke, Lyons, Dyas, Greenhill, Smyth, Creed, Thynne. The three best shots have gone to Scotland to compete with the best marksmen of that country.

A company of the Six Nations Indians are going to the Centennial Exhibition this month. Their liabilities are assumed by a number of gentlemen from Hamilton. It is to be the team known as the "Beaver Lacrosse Club of Canada," the champions of the world. They will challenge any club visiting the Centennial. The tribes represented are Mohawks, Cayugas, Senecas, Oneidas, Onondagas and Tuscororas. They will play the traditional game of lacrosse on the place which they held as their camp-ground one century ago. Arrangements for the conveyance of this party over the Erie and Leigh Valley Railroad were this morning perfected with Mr. W. Gould, and it is understood that a team of whites will also be on the Centennial grounds to contest the game with the Indians.

Le Nord, the Russian organ, says editorially, "The language of the British ministers and the tone of the British press show that England desires the pacification of the East by a real improvement in the lot of its people. Russia will especially approve of the adoption of such a course by the English Cabinet, as she is indifferent as to what power effects the improvement in the present unbearable position of the Eastern Christians. If England desires to take the initiative she may count beforehand on the sympathy and approval of Russia and all the other European Powers."