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The winter costume for officers of Cavalry in Canada, is a dark blue pea patrol jacket, braided and trimmed with black astracan fur—black astracan gauntlets, thick blue cloth pantaloons, with two white stripes down the outer seams, long boots and jack spurs with steel understrap, embroidered gold lace scarlet waistcoat (or white do, as worn by the 13th Hussars when in this country) a black astracan fur cap—*inches high with scarlet or white crown embroidered with gold and gold button—no cap lines, and the fur cap made loose so as to be well pulled over the ears in cold weather, undress snow belt and black patent leather Sabretasche undress pouch and belt when mounted. The long Cavalry cloak with removable cape, can, if required, be worn over all, the cloak protects the horse and rider. This is the uniform worn by the Quebec and Montreal V. Hussars.*

The winter uniform as worn by the Field battery officers and garrison artillery is the same as in the regular artillery when serving in Canada, and consists of a thick blue cloth great coat, braided and trimmed with black astracan fur, scarlet waistcoat, black astracan fur gauntlets, thick blue cloth pantaloons with broad red stripe down the outer seams, long boots (with jack spurs and steel understrap for mounted officers), undress pouch and belt, undress sword belt, and black patent leather sabretasche (for mounted officers) black astracan fur cap with scarlet crown embroidered in gold and gold button; cap—*inches high. The same badges of rank as are worn in the Infantry; are used in the V. Cavalry and Artillery but are of silver instead of gold.*

R. L.

Alfred Waddington Esq., the energetic promoter of the Canadian Pacific Railway died in Ottawa on the 24th ult, at the age of 72.

The 23rd February was the anniversary of the capture of Ogdensburgh by the Canadian Militia under Colonel Macdonald in 1813

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The 27th of February (Tuesday) will be remembered in England as the day of National Thanksgiving for the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Queen attended by the Princes of her family, the House of Lords and Commons with the Judges and nobility of England passed in grand procession through the streets of London amid plaudits of over half a million of her subjects, the rear of artillery and the ringing of bells to St. Pauls Cathedral there to acknowledge the mercy of Almighty God in sparing, to the prayers of herself and people, the Heir of the British Empire, and the hope of one third of the human race.

Twelve thousand soldiers aided by the police force kept the streets, and the procession was one continued ovation, the cheering of the people being continuous from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul.

That old historical cathedral was decorated with a magnificence impossible to describe, and gave seats to fourteen thousand of the magnates of the land, the grand old aristocracy of England, to take part in the services, hear a *Te Deum* chanted by one thousand voices, and a thanksgiving sermon by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the return the Prince occupied a seat in Her Majesty's carriage.

In all parts of the United Kingdom similar services were held, especially in Ireland: with all the enthusiasm of a warm hearted people.

The discussions on the Alabama Claims was gradually dying out, it is quite clear Jonathan will get all he demands. The *Times* remarks that John Bright is quite satisfied at the conduct of the Government. England has come to a pretty pass when the approval of a Birmingham Quaker is necessary to support her premiers and his colleagues—*six transit Gloria Mundi*, friend Broadbrim represents the money bags, and that comprises the *summum bonum* of the England of to-day.

A change of Government is imminent in France, the hierarchy support the Count de Chambord (Henri V) as he is childless it

would seem to be the policy of the House of Orleans to support his claims as they would be the legitimate successors.

It is feared that Amadeus cannot cope with the difficulties of his position in Spain and that another revolution is imminent in that distracted country.

A convention of legitimists are sitting at Antwerp, their proceedings give great umbrage to M. Thiers and are the means of causing great excitement in that country.

The snow blockade on the Pacific Railway was broken after *fifty eight days*, we hope to hear no more about the severity of a Canadian winter.

The Cabinet at Washington declines to withdraw their claims for incident losses arising out of the Alabama Claims, and will succeed in pocketing some of John Bull's surplus cash.

Criminal statistics state that a murder per day is averaged in New York.

In Ohio the state Senate reported a bill opening the states canals to Canadian vessels for a similar concession.

From what can be gathered of Mexican affairs the revolutionary forces appear to be gaining ground.

The Nova Scotia Assembly was opened on the 22nd ult., and that of Manitoba prorogued on the 20th.

The Ontario Legislature was prorogued on the 2nd inst.

The Dominion House of Commons is summoned for the despatch of business on the 11th April next.

News has reached us that a madman named O'Conner attempted to frighten the Queen with an unloaded pistol at the gate of Buckingham Palace on the 29th ult. Prince Arthur who was in the carriage with Her Majesty knocked him down and when secured he said he only intended justice for Ireland; he had papers in his hand purporting to be pardons for convicted Femans which he wanted the Queen to sign. Her Majesty displayed her usual courage on the occasion; it is evidently the act of a lunatic.

It is stated that England will repudiate the Treaty of Washington, the very best thing she could do.