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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The ring of preparation for the several Military camps now being held in the different parts of the country, as well those still to meet, has been going on vigorously for some time. Never since the Fenian Raids was there such a loyal spirit manifested. Old and new Companies being rapidly filled up. Indeed more offered than was required, and in consequence went away disappointed. This is a pleasing state of things, and shows conclusively there will be no need of resorting to the ballot to fill up the ranks for many a long day to come.

Lieut. General O'Grady Haly, Administrator of the Government of Canada, has been created a K. C. B. The Hon. A. B. Foster, was to sail for Canada on the 15th having accomplished the object of his mission in negotiating for the funds required for the extension of the Canada Central Railway.

Major General Selby Smyth leaves Ottawa tomorrow to inspect the Camps of Instruction at Brockville, Kingston, Cobourg, Guolph, and Holland Landing, after which he will proceed on his journey to British Columbia, across the continent. He will be accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Hon. Capt. Stapleton, and Captain Ward, A.D.C. Hon. Henry Fitzwilliam, a younger brother of Lord Milton, who crossed the continent some years ago, will, at the request of the Governor General, be allowed to accompany the party.

A Montreal Telegram says: "Private advices received here state that Sir Hugh Allan, although he failed in raising the money loan required, secured iron and other materials to the amount of \$1,000,000 giving the bonds of the North Shore Railway Company as security, and by this means will be in a position to proceed with the work."

The Grand Trunk Rifle Brigade has been disbanded by orders from the English Board of Directors, who were under the impression that the Volunteer duties of the men interfered with their duties to the Railway Company.

Her Majesty has paid a handsome compliment to the Canadian Volunteer force, by crediting Colonel John Dyde, the oldest militia officer in the Dominion, a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The announcement is made in the last London Gazette.

The sentence of death passed on Greaves and Sparham, the Brockville abortionists, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Mr. Inspector French, of the Post Office Department, leaves for Ireland by the next Allan steamer on private business. Lt. Col. Ross, of the Finance Department, will also shortly proceed to Europe, leaving on the 3rd proximo.

The Belleville *Intelligencer* says the Hastings County Council has granted the sum of \$40 to aid the Hastings Rifle Association in fitting up the new range, over which it is expected the annual matches will take place in August.

The Mayor of London, Mr. Cronyn, has received a despatch from Ottawa giving him full permission to dispose of the ordnance buildings, and thus the embroglio between the city authorities and militia officials has been ended.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association was held on the 15th. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Allan Gilmour; First Vice President, E. C. Barber; Second Vice President, W. A. Blackmore; Managing Committee, Messrs. P. Grayburn, W. P. Lett, H. Walters, A. Cotton and E. B. Sutherland; Secretary Treasurer, Frank Newby; Assistant Secretary Leonard Jarvis. Votes of thanks were passed to the Hon. James Skead, Mr. Allan Gilmour and Hon. John Hamilton, for their subscriptions and patronage, after which the meeting adjourned.

Messrs. Peacock and England, who were appointed by Government to inspect the first lot of cloth for militia clothing, have sent in their report to the Militia Department. The texture proved very satisfactory. The contractors of the nine thousand uniforms have nearly completed their contracts.

The Volunteers assembled at the Niagara Camp on the 1st inst., to perform their Annual Drill, were composed of the following troops:—Cavalry 214 men and horses; Field Batteries 156 men and horses; Infantry 2715. Total 3,085 men and 350 horses. The Brigade Staff consisted of 15 officers, making the total number of men in Camp 3,000.

A Rifle Match has been arranged between the Hamilton Victoria Club and the Amateur Club of New York. The match will come off at Creedmoor on the 25th of September.

Sir John A. Macdonald was presented with a carriage and horses by his numerous admirers on the morning of the 16th.

The Jacques Cartier Bank, of Montreal, suspended on the 15th inst. Mr. Barbeau, Manager of the City and District Savings Bank, has been appointed to investigate the Bank's position and present a statement of its affairs. It is said that Sir Francis Hincks will act as President. The Montreal papers say:—"Some days must of course elapse before a reliable statement of the bank's

position can be completed, but in the mean time it will cease to do a general banking business, the doors being kept open simply to accept the payment of bills falling due. Depositors and billholders need have no anxiety about the ability of the Jacques Cartier to meet their demands, though it may take a little time; and as the Directors are men of wealth there will be an addition of strength. This unfortunate affair is partly imputable to advances made for the purposes of the Northern Colonization Railway and for other non-commercial objects—advances which may be perfectly sound in the long run, but for which repayment at this moment is out of the question. It is supposed the Bank will resume operations in a few days."

The American riflemen, accompanied by Major Leech and Alderman Manning, of Dublin, and a large number of friends arrived there on the 14th. A procession was formed, and escorted the guests to the Shelbourne Hotel. The reception given the team by the populace was most enthusiastic. Immense crowds at the depot and along the entire route of the procession cheered as long as the Americans were in sight. The railway station and streets were decorated, and the American and Irish flags were everywhere displayed. The enthusiasm culminated at the hotel, where each member of the team was cheered as he alighted from his carriage. During the evening a procession with bands of music and carrying flags and banners, marched to the place and serenaded the Americans. At the banquet in the hotel Major Leech presided, and made a speech warmly welcoming the riflemen and their friends to Ireland. Col. Gildersleeve responded.

The Duke of Melborough, a descendant of the great soldier of Queen Anne's time, is reported to have been compelled to sell off all his property to satisfy his creditors, Blenheim House and Park alone excepted.

A sensation has been created at Vienna by the publication in the *St. Petersburg Gossip* of an article advocating an alliance between Russia and England, because that between the three Emperors it has lost the power of guaranteeing peace since one member thereof has become suspected of warlike designs.

The Dublin Shooting Club on the 18th elected the American rifle team honorary members of their club. The Mayors visited the ladies with the team. The Garrison of Dublin gives an assault at arms in honor of the Americans. The city is gaily decorated with flags. The Americans are everywhere *feled* and received with enthusiasm. A grand civic ball has been arranged in honor of them.