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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

As we anticipated the Queen's Birthday has been universally observed throughout Canada, and in no place with more *eclat* than at Sault Ste. Marie, the Company of Volunteer Rifles under the command of Captain Wilson firing the usual Royal salute.

The Corner Stone of the New Collegiate Institution, was laid by his Excellency the Governor General on the 4th inst. The pupils of the Central Schools and the Collegiate Institution, to the number of about 400 were present. Also the representatives of the Separate School Board.

Lieut. Col. Jackson, D. A. G., M. D. No. 4, accompanied by Adjutant Mowatt visited the proprietors of the fields to the south of the Rideau Rifle Range with a view to obtaining their consent to allow them to be used as camping ground. We understand leave has been granted and four battalions will turn out on the 22nd. inst. to put in their annual drill.

The Kingston *Whig* says: The following corps have signified, through their commanding officers, their preference for a camp here on June 18th to drilling in the winter season at their respective headquarters:—Battalion: 14th, Kingston; 47th, Frontenac; 15th, Belleville; 48th, Lennox and Addington, and 49th, Hastings, to be joined probably by the 16th, Prince Edward.—Batteries—Kingston Field and Trenton Garrison Cavalry—Frontenac Squadron and Napanee Troop.

The St. George's Society of Ottawa city are preparing for a grand picnic in McKay's Grove, Dominion Day.

Ven. Archdeacon McLean, of Manitoba, has been consecrated at Lambeth Palace, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of Saskatchewan.

The first spruce ship ever built in Quebec was launched from M. E. W. Sewell's ship yard on Saturday morning.

Vice Chancellor Strong has been appointed Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Error and Appeal.

It is said the surveyors have found an accessible and excellent harbor at the mouth of French River.

The Gull light-house, near Port Hope, was destroyed by fire on the 1st inst.

Lieut. Colonel Goodwin, Military Store Keeper at the Old Fort, Toronto, celebrated his 80th birthday on the 5th by entertaining the young ladies of Miss Stubbs' seminary.

Brockville is to have a grand celebration on Dominion Day, the grandest ever seen in that town.

Mr. G. L. Walke, editor of the *Perth Courier*, died on the 1st instant, from typhoid fever.

A painter upon one of the bridges near Goat Island, just above Niagara Falls, on the 1st, fell from it into the rapids and was carried down some distance. Fortunately he was able to reach a rock, to which he clung until rescued by a heroic young man named Conroy, who, at the risk of his own life, handed McCullough a rope, whereby he was secured from destruction.

The steamer *Faraday* arrived at Berry Bealton Bay on 30th ult and landed the shore end of the new cable on Sunday morning, and proceeded to Rye Beach, N.H., on Sunday afternoon.

A report of the crops in the Western States published by the *Chicago Times* shows a highly favourable record.

Letters from Lieutenant Hynes, of the British party of explorers that were on the British ship *Challenger*, to Dr. Hayes of New York, states that the *Challenger* in its researches in the Antarctic ocean failed to discover the so-called Antarctic continent, said to have been discovered by Wilkes' American exploring expedition some years ago. The *Challenger* went within 1,400 miles of the South Pole, and 120 miles further south than Wilkes went.

Lieut. Col. C. T. Gilmour, 2nd Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, as been selected by the Dominion Rifle association to command the Wimbledon Team this year.

Captain John Horn, jr., of Detroit, has received a gold medal from President Grant for rescuing at different times, at the risk of his own life, over one hundred women and children from drowning.

The congress of brewers in session at Boston, have passed resolutions asking the Government to remit the duty on barley imported from Canada, and not to increase the duty on imported hops.

A despatch from Washington says:—“Gen. William Wells, Collector of Customs at Burlington, Vt., and his deputy, Mr. Arthur, have effected a change in the Customs regulations of the Treasury Department governing trade between Canada and the United States, so that Canadian merchandise may be entered under a combined entry at Island Pond for exportation by way of either Portland or Boston. Other important changes have also been effected relative to the entry of merchandise at the frontier for consumption, tending to make Island Pond on the Grand Trunk Railway of more importance than heretofore.

The Hon. Antoine Aime Dorion, Minister of Justice of Canada, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in and for Lower Canada, now called the Province of Quebec, *vice* the Honorable Jean Francois J. Duval, resigned.

Negotiations for a Reciprocity Treaty with Canada have been almost completed. Great Britain has made a proposition for Reciprocity in regarding the granting of patent rights. It is now being considered. A lists of manufactured goods to be admitted to the Canadian ports, duty free, is also suggested.

A despatch from Halifax says that Her Majesty's ship *Niobe* is a total wreck at Cape Blanc, Miguelon. Her Majesty's ship *Woodlark* returned from the wreck Tuesday afternoon.

It is reported in Paris on good authority that Marshal Serrano will order a general election in Spain, and if the Monarchists are in the majority, he will propose the enthronement of the Prince of Asturias, under his own regency.

A serious riot occurred in Limerick on Sunday, the 31st inst. A mob of a thousand persons attacked a party of Militia. The police defended the latter, and were stoned by the rioters. Reinforcements arrived from the stations, and the riot was finally suppressed after a considerable number of persons had been injured.

The Derby was won by Cartwright's *George Frederick* with Lord Roseberry's *Couronne de Fer* second, and Lord Falmouth's *Atlantic* third. Great excitement prevailed. The weather was fine and the attendance immense. Twenty Horses started.

A European Congress, to consider the subject of international rights in time of war, will be convened in the city of Brussels on the 27th of July next.

The German authorities have prohibited the circulation of the Paris *Dix Neufieme*, and *Siecle* newspapers in Alsace and Lorraine.

The ship *British Admiral*, bound from Liverpool to Melbourne, has been lost on King's Island, seventy lives being lost.

The *Times* contradicts the reports of the complete withdrawal of the Cunard steamers from Boston because of the scarcity of freight and states that the only change to be made is that some of the steamers which go to Boston will return by way of New York.

The National line will establish a weekly service to Boston on a similar plan.

The Khedive has entered upon negotiations of commercial treaties with foreign powers, independent of the Sublime Porte,