

"We drifted into Holland. Our wounded men were sent into hospital in the fort of the Texel. At last we were all transferred to the French Government as prisoners, and that winter we were exchanged. The *Serapis* went into the French navy.

RIFLE MATCHES.

A squad of the Elora Rifle Company went out for target practice on Monday last, when the following excellent score was made. Private Chas. Findlay seems to have been the crack shot, having made six bulls' eyes and three centres.

Range, 300 yards.	Total.
Sergt. Wm. Gerrie.....	23
Corporal J. Young.....	21
A. Findlay.....	13
G. Lillies.....	29
Ensign Tribe.....	22
Corporal Crossman.....	15
R. Ferguson.....	16
A. Lund.....	12
Charles Findlay.....	33
Sergt. Mutch.....	17

—North Wellington Times.

The Shooting Match which came off on Friday last between six members of the Mitchell Volunteer Company, and the same number of civilians, resulted in favor of the latter, by fourteen points. The shooting was good on the whole, very few missing the target at the shorter range. We expect a return match will soon take place. After the firing was over the whole party, some eighteen, repaired to the International Hotel, where an excellent dinner was awaiting them, provided at the expense of our worthy Reeve, who is always ready to encourage any laudable object.—*Mitchell Advocate*.

The Mount Forest Rifles assembled for practice at the range on Wednesday, 22nd ult., front vs. rear rank, under the leadership of Capt. Pearce and Lieutenant Smith, respectively, with the following result. 200 and 400 yards five rounds at each range.

Front Rank.....	153
Rear Rank.....	140

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Thomas Patterson, a member of the Queen's Own Rifles, and a participant in the fight at Ridgway in June, 1866, died in Oakville on Thursday night of consumption contracted while on service at that time. The deceased was for some time a compositor in the *Globe* office.

Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., has been appointed the grand representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Canada, which sits in London on the 14th of July next. We are informed that there will be about 450 delegates present from all parts of the Dominion; and further, that it is the intention of the Free Masons of London to entertain the Grand Lodge at a banquet.

At the last meeting of the Quebec Historical Society, an ancient portrait in oil of the Marquis of Montcalm was exhibited by the Rev. Mr. Verreau. The painting appears to have been executed in the time of the heroic French defender of Canada. The same gentleman gave a list of valuable documents he had lately acquired, consisting mainly of letters written to General Arnold by Trumbull, Gates, Montgomery, during the invasion of 1775, and which were seized in Holland House, near Quebec.

FENIAN ENGINEERS TAKE OBSERVATION OF FORT ERIC.—The *St. Catharines Briton* states that about three weeks ago two strangers visited Fort Erie, representing themselves as officers of the Royal Engineer corps. They gave their names as Colonel Worthington and Captain Stewart. On these representations they were kindly received by the inhabitants of the village—thinking, no doubt, that they were to have forts built this summer. They proceeded to view the old camp ground, and stake off a certain portion as a site of future operations, which were to commence immediately. Forts were to be built and guns mounted all along the river. They were accompanied on this tour by the celebrated Dave Harrison, also by one of the look-out party. After they had examined the place to their satisfaction, and 'smiled' several times at the expense of the leading hotel keepers, who, by the way, had an eye to business, they proceeded to the ferry with the intention, as they said, of taking the height of the banks on the American side; but failed to return. On communicating with headquarters, it was found that no such men had been sent out, and there is no doubt but the people of Fort Erie were the victims of two Fenian Officers from Buffalo.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

London 5th.—In the House of Commons this evening, Mr. Gladstone in some remarks, referred to the Duke of Richmond's assertion in the House of Lords last night, that Her Majesty the Queen had intrusted it to the Ministry to dissolve Parliament whenever they pleased. Such a power, said Mr. Gladstone, was unconstitutional, as it left the Ministry at liberty to deal with cases which have not yet arisen. He asked for an explanation of that statement, and contradicted the one made in the House of Commons by the Premier. Mr. D'Israeli, in reply, said there was no discrepancy between the statements made in the two Houses. He had offered to resign, but the tender was declined by Her Majesty. His advice to the Queen was to dissolve Parliament when the state of the public business permits. This was without any reference to the new constituencies, but if the work of the House was soon completed, a new House would be elected by them.

Sir Stafford Northcote made some remarks to the effect that the ministry had no intention to menace the House.

Mr. D'Israeli, again rising, said the right to dissolve Parliament was only reserved by the Ministry in case the issue upon the Irish Church was pressed to a division.

London, May 6.—The entire domain belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company is to be ceded to the Crown.

New York, 5th.—A London special says that during a discussion in the Cabinet, Lord Stanley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Right Honourable the Earl of Malmesbury, Keeper of the Great Seal, and the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, Secretary of the Home Department, openly seceded and refused to serve any longer under Mr. D'Israeli's lead. Subsequently it was rumored the Premier had induced Lord Stanley and Malmesbury and Mr. Hardy to withdraw their secession resolve, and agree to hold office in his Ministry.

The dissenting members of the Ministry still disagree as to the propriety of a further retention of office, but agree to remain in

the Cabinet, particularly as the Queen would not accept the resignation. Mr. D'Israeli is consequently still Premier.

Parliament will be dissolved in autumn, and a general election beheld perhaps when the new Reform Bill comes into operation.

The *Herald's* special says a new and most important phase has occurred in the impeachment matter, which apparently places the acquittal of the President beyond a doubt.

Senator Fessenden, it is reported, has prepared a legal opinion, expressing belief that there are no just grounds shown in the evidence for conviction. Several other Republicans are firm against the conviction, and it is conceded among Radicals that conviction is a failure and the case gone. There is in consequence serious demoralization among Republicans, and it was reported that a new party headed by Chase for the next Presidency against Grant, was immediately to be formed.

The *Tribune* and *Sun* specials consider the conviction of the President certain.

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