



The Volunteer Review

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

A Journal Devoted to the Interests of the Military and Naval Forces of the Dominion of Canada

VOL. VII.

OTTAWA, (CANADA,) TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1873.

No. 31.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

London advices of 30th July, state that in the House of Commons, Mr. Phillip Callan, member for Dundalk, asked if there was any probability, that the Carlists in Spain would be recognized as belligerents. Viscount Enfield, under Secretary for the Foreign Department, replied that the Carlists were undoubtedly gaining ground, but matters were not in a state to entitle them to belligerent rights.

A message from the Queen notifying the Commons of the forthcoming marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh, and asking that provision be made therefor, was received and read, and its consideration postponed till to-morrow, owing to the absence of Mr. Gladstone.

The Government proposes on the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh, to the Grand Duchess Maria of Russia, to increase his yearly allowance to \$125,000.

The Republicans of Bristol have issued a manifesto protesting against any increase in the allowance to the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his marriage.

There are six candidates in Greenwich for the vacancy in the House of Commons occasioned by the death of Sir David Salmons. As four are Liberals, the Conservatives will carry the election.

A resolution censuring Mr. Scudamore, Superintendent of Postal Telegraph Service, for alleged misappropriation, failed to pass the House of Commons to day by a vote of 141 nays to 111 yeas.

The Colonial Government of Queen's land Australia, has offered through its agent here to pay the passages of 10,000 skilled labourers from Great Britain to that colony.

The London Times has a long editorial recommending the prompt reinforcement of the English troops on the Cape Coast of Africa, engaged in a war on the Ashantees. The latter are in great force, and though one of their large towns has been burned recently yet they are in such numbers as to prevent any aggressive movement towards the interior by the English troops.

It is commonly reported that Marshal McMahon will retain the Presidency of the re-

public but six months longer, when he will resign and return to the command of the army. It is considered certain that the republican form of government will be succeeded by a monarchy, and it is deemed essential that Marshal McMahon, who possesses great influence with the army, should be in command upon the occasion of a change.

The extreme Left have determined to agitate the question of the dissolution of the Assembly in the provinces during the recess; and are making preparation for a vigorous campaign.

In the Assembly to day (29th July) the Treaties of Commerce with Great Britain and Belgium, concluded by the Duke de Broglie were approved.

A message from President McMahon pro-roguing the Assembly, was received and read. The President says he will answer for the preservation of order during the recess, and will insure the maintenance of respect for the authority of the Assembly. He points out the happy results of concord between the Government and Assembly, among which no specifies the passages of the bill for the reorganization of the army. Alluding to the evacuation of the soil by the German troops now fast approaching completion, he makes graceful acknowledgement of the successful negotiations of President Thiers to that end, and praises the Eastern Department for their heroism, and the French people for their patriotism and abrogation in the protracted trial they have undergone. The country, he adds, will never cease to feel a sense of its dignity when it remembers what a price it has paid for peace but noisy manifestations of joy over the event should not be indulged in. Peace is the first necessity, and the Government is resolved to maintain it, assurances are received daily of the sincere amity of the foreign powers. The President closes his message by declaring that he shall continue the policy indicated by the frequent and unanimous votes of the Assembly. At the conclusion of the reading there were cheers from the Right and Centre benches.

The permanent committee of the Assembly has resolved to sit once every two weeks

during the recess. An amendment offered by the Left making the sittings weekly was rejected. The committee holds its first regular session on the 13th proximo.

One hundred deputies from the French Assembly have been sent to the Pope with an address assuring him of their continued devotion to His Holiness.

General Chabaud Latour refuses to sit with the court martial convened for the trial of Marshal Bazaine.

The Pope to-day (28 July) received a number of newly nominated Bishops. In his address he urged them zealously to defend the rights of the Church, referring to the conflict of the ecclesiastical authorities of Brazil with Freemasonry. He said Freemasons were liable to excommunication, the same as members of other secret societies, notwithstanding the charitable subjects of their organization.

The news from Spain shows the fearful state of anarchy into which that country has fallen.

A Malaga special says the soldiers and insurgents had several severe fights on Sunday and Monday. The insurgents occupied the churches of San Flota, San Nicolas, and San Martin, and the Plaza Mayor, which was strongly barricaded. The troops advancing on Sunday along the Alameda, suffered severely from the rebels on the Puerta Delmar and in the Citadel. After some sharp fighting there was a parley, but it came to nothing. Fighting was resumed and still continued on Sunday. The losses were heavy, 160 men being dead already. It is reported that over 300 barricades are erected in the heart of the city.

Contreras is in command of the insurgent fleet off Almeria. He demands a contribution of 50,000 pesetas and the evacuation of the city by the civil guard, and threatens bombardment in the case of refusal. The city authorities have refused to comply, and are preparing for defence. There is a ground for hope that the foreign men of war in the harbour will interfere and prevent the horrors of a bombardment. A large British squadron is expected to arrive daily off the Spanish coast.