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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Halifax despatch says:—"The Dominion Government have withdrawn the permission hitherto extended to American steamers, to carry freight and passengers between Canadian ports. Vessels flying the United States flag, under that privilege, with cargoes of American goods for various ports in the Maritime Provinces, while delivering such goods were allowed to take up way freight and passengers. The American steamers to Halifax, Charlottetown and Port Hawkesbury will be allowed to load passengers and freight at the first named port, but not to take up any for either of the other two or intermediate ports while delivering the balance of their cargoes."

A branch of the Secretary of State's Department is to be organized at once for the control and management of the North West Mounted Police.

The annual inspection of the 8th Battalion Stadacona Rifles took place on the 27th ult. at Quebec. There were five full companies present. Their drill was excellent, and called forth some most complimentary remarks from Colonel Duchesny, the inspecting officer.

The first steamer from Sarnia for Red River and Duluth, will leave to-day, the weather and ice permitting, with a portion of the staff of the Red River Branch, under the direction of Mr. Donald M. Grant, superintendent.

The Beaver rock, until lately a serious obstruction of ships entering Victoria harbour, and has been blasted out. It was dynamite that did the job.

A despatch from London, England, says:—"In the House of Commons on Thursday afternoon, the Royal assent to the Royal Titles Bill was announced. The announcement was received in silence."

The Hon Edward Blake has been elected Chancellor of the University of Toronto. The vacancies of the Senate have been filled by the following gentlemen: Thos. Taylor, M. A., Laughlan McFarlane, M. A., Thos. Hodgins, M. A., J. B. Buthune, L. L. B., Hon. S. Blake, M. A., and W. Huston, M. A.

The *Toronto Globe* remarks that, "The New York Yacht Club do not want to be beaten by the Canadian yacht 'The Countess of Dufferin'—now building, and a proposal has been made to run all the fast sailing boats against her at the same time. The *Herald*, which ought to understand yachting, very correctly remarks:—"The merest tyro in yachting will perceive that a squadron manoeuvred *en bloc* can be made seriously to interfere with the progress of a single opposing vessel, and that for the

latter to win under such circumstances would be 'almost a hopeless task.' And the same journal calls attention to the little dodge that was practised in 1871, when four boats were present to race against the English yacht with the view of selecting that one that might best suit the weather on the morning of the race. We have little doubt that care will be this time had that the race shall be a fair one in all respect."

At a meeting of the 5th Fusiliers Rifle Association held at the Regimental Reading Rooms, McGill street on Saturday evening 22nd the following were appointed officers for the year:— President, Lt. John Martin; 1st Vice President, Lt. Col. Thec. Lyman; 2nd ditto, Major R. Gardner; Treasurer, Ensign Wm. Blaiklock; Secretary, Ensign James McKinnon; Financial Secretary, Col. Sergeant Geo. Dennison. The Association now numbers upwards of 80 members, and will commence practice at once.

A terrible railway accident happened at the junction of the Canada Southern Railway and the Welland Canal, about half a mile south of Welland town on Tuesday night about 10 o'clock. The men in charge of the railway swing bridge, which is double, had it open to allow the tug *Mary O'Laughlin* to pass through, and while it was open he saw a train coming from the West. The red signal light was up, and every precaution taken, but the engine gave no signs of stopping or even slackening speed. The bridge tender waved his lamp, and did all he could to attract attention, but without avail. He, however, stuck manfully to his post, although warned by those standing on the opposite bank of the canal to leave the bridge or he would be killed. An attempt was made to stop the cars, thirty three in number freighted with Merchandise, but without avail, as they had too much headway and were close to the bridge before the danger signal was observed. On arriving at the pond, just before reaching the canal, the engine plunged into the water, dragging after it eight of the cars loaded as they were with merchandise. Some of the cars passing over the engine, striking against the swing bridge, pushing it almost six feet off the centre. The acting engineer and driver were killed. The Canada Southern have made arrangements with the Grand Trunk Company by which there will be no interruption to the through freight and passenger traffic on the former road. Their trains will take the Grand Trunk Railroad track at Canfield, to and from the East.

The Colonial Office publishes the following:—"Telegrams from the Government of Barbadoes, received last night and this morning, state that the Island is quiet, and

since Saturday last troops have not fired a single shot. Not a single white man has been injured by a negro."

At Epsom the great Metropolitan Stakes were won by "New Holland," the American horse, "By Final," coming in sixth. The Prince of Wales' stakes were also run, and resulted in a victory for Sir J. D. Astley's "Brigg Boy."

In the House of Commons, the Bill for removing the electoral disabilities of women—a Bill regularly introduced for many years past—was rejected by 235 against 152.

A memorial has been presented to the Queen by a body of Irishmen styling themselves the 82 Club, praying Her Majesty, as by law the head of the Irish Church, and head of the Commissioners who have to charge its surplus funds, to have the surplus, which the memorialists state amounts to £5,000,000 sterling, devoted to the erection of fifty to seventy thousand cottages for the Irish laboring class. A Bill will be introduced into Parliament with the same object.

The Turkish troubles present a more pacific aspect—the Great Powers bringing strong pressure to bear on the belligerents, especially against the Constantinople war party's idea of a general arming of the Mohammedan population and that such a course would at once be followed by armed intervention.

The Imperial Court of Discipline at Potsdam has sentenced Count Von Arnim to a formal dismissal from the public service and the payment of the costs of the proceedings.

The Spanish Congress has adopted the Constitution as far as including the ninth clause.

Two thousand soldiers have just sailed for Cuba. More will follow in a few days.

We have further intelligence from the Seat of War in Turkey, up to the 28th April. The Porte has sent a circular note to its representatives at the various European Courts, asking for military assistance to suppress the insurrection, and citing as a precedent the suppression of the Hungarian insurrection by Russia in 1849.

The *Times'* Berlin telegram reports that the Austrian troops in Dalmatia are being increased to 30,000.

A despatch to the Russian telegraphic agency says the Porte makes it a point of military honor not to consent to an armistice till Nisic is re-occupied by force of arms. The powers, however, still hope to prevent an extension of the war.

A Vienna despatch to the *Daily News* says the Porte has been diplomatically cautioned against arming the Mohammedan population in the insurgent provinces, owing to the danger of a wholesale massacre of Christians.