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The Kingdom of Canada.

We lay before our readers to-day a portion of the Confederation Bill, which passed the Imperial Parliament with verbal amendments, and has received the Royal assent. The Confederacy is to be known as the Kingdom of Canada. Canada West will rejoice in the title of Ontario; Canada East, in that of Quebec; while the Maritime Provinces are to retain their present designations. Provision is made for the admission of British Columbia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Island, the Northwest Territory and Rupert's Land to the Confederacy on such terms as the Parliament of Canada shall deem equitable, and as the Local Legislatures may agree to. Nothing, we think, could be fairer than this proposition, provided (in our case) that the bargain be left with the popular members of the Legislative Council to arrange. The general features of the Quebec scheme are preserved in the Bill; but the Toronto Globe complains that it differs in some respects in the details. The Globe appears to be alarmed lest the Eastern Provinces shall receive more than their just proportion of the annual grant from the Federal chest for the support of the Local Government, which, it thinks, should be distributed at so much per head, according to the ratio of population, instead of being handed over in a lump sum. Some complaint is also made that the General Parliament will have a right to dabble in the local affairs of each Province. Agriculture, Marine Hospitals, Penitentiaries, Sea Coast and Inland Fisheries, are all brought under the eye of the General Legislature, while the Quebec scheme required that they should be left to the Local Governments. And last, though by no means least, "the door is opened for the direct interference of the Federal Government and Parliament with the school system of Upper Canada, and the revival of all the evils which heretofore have sprang so plentifully from the sectarian school controversy." The Globe quotes copiously from the speeches of its editor (Mr Brown) to show that the decision of the Quebec delegates, in 1864, has been ignored in these instances. The thunder fulminated by the Globe is, however, wasted. The Bill, with its objectionable features, has become law; and in a few days we expect to hear that the Kingdom has been proclaimed! There is, no doubt, plenty of room for improvement. No new machinery runs smoothly at first; but a little wear will suffice to set matters right, and the Eastern Provinces will bound forward upon a career of unexampled prosperity.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE SOIRE.—The Soire in aid of the Orphans of St. Ann's came off last evening at the St. Nicholas, and proved a highly successful affair. The attendance was large, a fair proportion of those present being ladies. Early in the evening Mr J. P. Davies "put up" at auction a bag of cornmeal, which was knocked down to himself for \$5. Mr Davies immediately donated the sack to the fund, and it was again offered and knocked down to Captain Swanson three times in succession for \$7, \$5 and \$6. Mr James Gillon was the next purchaser for \$5; Mr Elliott followed at \$4 50; Miss O'Dwyer purchased it twice for \$5 and \$5 50; Mr B. Derham for \$5; Chief Engineer Keenan for \$6; Eugene Thomas for \$5; Assistant Engineer Barnes, \$3; "Cash," \$4; and finally for \$2 50 to Miss O'Dwyer, who will send it to the orphan's plan was \$75. Supper was laid at 11:30 o'clock, and after full justice had been done to the victuals, the company returned to the hall and resumed dancing, which was kept up until an early hour this morning.

THE HOLIDAY OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY. The Mechanics' Institute have chartered Capt. Stamp's elegant new steamer, the "Isabel," for their annual excursion to the British Garrison, at the Island of "San Juan," and will issue an advertisement in a few days of the programme of amusements devised for the happy excursionists. Judging by the great success and satisfaction that the trip of last year to the British Garrison gave to all participants, we anticipate a good time.

CRICKET—VICTORIA VS. THE FLEET.

Below we insert the full score of a very interesting match which was played yesterday on Beacon Hill between eleven of Victoria and an eleven from the Navy and Esquimalt. The Navy won the toss, and sent their opponents in to the bowling of Messrs Pooley and Howard. Small scores were the order of the day—Ball and Tye only succeeded in reaching a double figure. The Navy Eleven in their first innings, reached within four of the Victorians, Richardson and Powell bowling throughout the innings. The second innings of the Victorians amounted to only 43—the bowling of Pooley and Howard being too good to be trifled with. J. Fere contributed 13 by careful play. The close of the game was very exciting, the Victorians only just succeeded in pulling off the match by seven runs, and it is not too much to say that the result was attributable to the two bowlers—Messrs Richardson and Powell. Mr Pooley, of New Westminster, made 19 in the last innings; his leg-hitting was much admired. Mr W. Richardson and Mr Chas. Green were Captains of their respective sides. The Victoria Eleven desire us to return thanks on their behalf to Mr Farwell for his valuable services as umpire on this occasion. The return match will be played in a few weeks:

VICTORIA ELEVEN—1ST INNINGS.	
T Ball b Pooley	11
J Fere b Pooley	1
C Weaver b Green b Howard	1
R Richardson ct by Green b Howard	0
W Powell b by Howard	1
T H Tye ct by Pooley b Howard	1
E Barnett b by Pooley	1
J Ellis ct by Pooley b Howard	0
Wm Wilson b by Pooley	0
Shaw not out	6
Wides, 4; byes, 2	6
Total	47

2ND INNINGS.	
J Barnett b by Pooley	7
Wm Wilson ct by Needham b Howard	7
C Weaver b by Pooley	5
W R Gibbon b by Pooley	5
T H Tye b by Pooley	4
J Fere ct by Smith b Howard	0
R Richardson b by Pooley	18
T Ball b by Pooley	1
W Powell b by Pooley	1
Shaw not out	0
Wides, 3; byes, 1	4
Total	43

NAVY ELEVEN—1ST INNINGS.	
R Marsden b by Richardson	5
E Warrington ct by Barnett b Richardson	0
J F Howard run out	0
C F Green ct by Wilson b Richardson	6
H Digby b by Pooley	2
W Brown b by Pooley	2
E Carter b by Richardson	9
E Needham b by Pooley	0
J Smith b by Richardson	0
F Partridge not out	2
Wides, 4; byes, 2	6
Log Byes, 2	2
Total	43

2ND INNINGS.	
F Partridge ct by Tye b Pooley	3
E Warrington ct by Barnett b Pooley	5
E Pooley b by Wilson b Pooley	19
C F Green b by Pooley	3
H Digby ct by Gibbon b Richardson	3
W Brown run out	1
E Carter ct and F Pooley	0
R Needham run out	0
J Marsden b by Pooley	0
J Smith not out	0
Byes, 3	3
Total	40

MAILED NEWSPAPERS.—How is it that some folks get their English papers regularly by the mail and others do not? Mr Wootton has continually to hear—Why, sir, writes me that he sends three newspapers with this letter, and you say none have come for me." Another complains—"It is very strange; my father has posted newspapers for me several times, according to his letters with his own hands and I never get them." Mr Wootton can only suggest, that if papers for mailing have a stamp impressed on them before they are published, and that in folding the paper it should be left visible, and the two penny stamps added. If papers have not the proper amount of stamps they are thrown aside, and if for this coast sent in ships round the Horn, which will account to some people for the delay.

FOOTPRINTS OF OLD VICTORIANS.—A private letter received from London gives some interesting details concerning the movements of former Victorians now in England. Dr Brown is going to Iceland as leader of an exploring expedition, to which Mr Whymper (brother of the artist of this city) has subscribed £500 to defray a part of the expenses. Mr Bohn, son of the great publisher, and editor of the defunct *Mining News* of this city, is clerk in a publishing house in London. Poor old Dennes is in London engaged in practicing his profession around the police courts. John Cooper, late Chief Clerk of the British Columbia Treasury, and Mr O'Connell, the Civil Engineer, are in London, where they have published pamphlet on the resources of this Colony, and recommending a limited number of immigrants to seek homes here.

THE "LONO."—Fears are entertained for the safety of this bark. She sailed in company with the bark Scotland from Esquimalt on Thursday last, and must have encountered the terrific gale on the same night. The captain of the Scotland reports that but for his vessel having new sails, he would not have been able to make this harbor. He last saw the Lono on Friday standing off a very dangerous locality. On board the Lono were Mrs Howard and daughter, Mme. D'Ormy and W. Parker.

INSURANCE PAID.—Jack Reid yesterday received from the Royal Insurance Company's agent a check for \$600, the amount for which his property was insured.

THE GUNBOAT FORWARD was sent to New Westminster on Sunday with the mainland letters and papers and Government despatches.

EASTER MONDAY.—The banks and most of the business houses were closed yesterday afternoon.

ARRIVAL FROM PORTLAND.—The steamer

Fideliter, Capt. Erskine, arrived from Portland yesterday afternoon with 13 passengers and a full freight of produce. The Fideliter left Portland on the evening of the 19th, and crossed Columbia River bar on the afternoon of Sunday. Among the passengers we noticed Mr George H. Coe, formerly of this city, but late of Idaho; Hon. S. Garfield, and Indian Agent Webster.

SCHEME TO COLONIZE BRITISH COLUMBIA.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade in Ottawa, Canada, recently, resolutions were adopted to promote a scheme for the colonization of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, and the adoption of the Homestead law recommended to stimulate emigration. It was also proposed to give free maintenance to colonists settling in Victoria.

IN DISTRESS.—The American bark Scotland, which sailed hence on Thursday last, ran into Esquimalt harbor yesterday morning in distress, having sprung a leak during the severe gales of Friday and Saturday last. She is laden with Nanaimo coal and will require to discharge and undergo thorough repairs before she will be again ready for sea.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.—The body of an Indian woman and her two half-breed children have been found hanging to the limb of a tree, on Whidby Island. They had been missing some months, and it is thought that the mother, who was in poor circumstances, first hanged her children and then herself.

NAVAL.—A letter received by the British Consul in San Francisco states that H.M.S. Scout would leave Panama for this station, about the end of the month. Capt. Innes of the Alert has been invalided, and is on his way to England from the coast of Mexico.

RETURNED.—The remainder of the Good Friday excursionists returned from Puget Sound last evening on the New World. They are loud in their praises of the kind treatment they received at the hands of their American neighbors.

MISS ARNOT'S BENEFIT.—The performance to-morrow evening will be the last by the Amateur Dramatic Association for the season. The box office will be open from 11 till 3 o'clock to-day and to-morrow.

FOR THE SURVEY.—The steamer Alexandra yesterday steamed round to Esquimalt. All her stores and fuel are on board and she will probably sail to-day to complete the survey of the northwest coast.

FIRST IN.—The Eliza Anderson arrived at 8 o'clock last evening, winning the elk horns for this trip. The New World was detained above Steilacoom by the fog, and did not reach her wharf here until 10 o'clock.

CATALOGUE SALE OF FURNITURE.—The large sale of furniture, by catalogue, will come off at the St. Nicholas Hotel. The catalogue comprises 21 pages, and includes about 1100 lots.

DEATH AT ESQUIMALT.—William Hurd, a native of England and late servant of Lieut. Denny, died at Esquimalt yesterday morning, after a prolonged illness.

THE SCHOONER NOR'WASTER.—bound for Port Townsend, with a cargo of coal, anchored outside yesterday for repairs, having lost her rudder.

QUICK TRIP.—The Sparrowhawk made the run from San Francisco to Esquimalt in 79 hours—which is one of the quickest trips on record.

POLITICAL.—Mr Flanders, of Wallula, has been nominated for Congress by the Radicals of Washington Territory.

Canada.

At Perth, C.W., in a dispute about keys of their store between Capt. J. McG. Chambers and his brother, Dr Chambers, father of the member of Parliament for Brockville, the Captain called his brother a liar, whereupon the latter drew a revolver and shot the Captain through the breast, inflicting a dangerous and probably a fatal wound.

PETROLIA. C. W. April 8.—Jonathan Keathe's bakery was burned last night. His two daughters, aged eight and twelve, perished in the flames. The rest of the family bely escaped.

Eastern States.

New York, April 12.—The only extra expense incurred by the Government in the acquisition of Russian America was the cost of a telegram sent to Gen. Halleck during the negotiations, asking what would be a reasonable price, and his reply—"From five to ten millions of dollars."

A special to the *Times* says party lines are being rapidly drawn in Virginia. Hunnicott is the acknowledged leader on confiscation. Pierpont represents the supporters of the original Unionists. Ould and Crump are the leaders of the third party, sympathizing with the Mississippi and Georgia Unionists.

The Herald calls on the President to provide, from the contingent fund, for an expedition to examine Russian America, and report to next Congress.

St. Domingo.

New York, April 12.—The *World's* correspondent at St. Domingo, March 9th, says that President Johnson's course towards neighboring Republics has inspired the confidence of the Dominican Government in the cession of Savanna to the United States, and makes it practicable certainly, but the President, Cabinet, and a majority of Congress will refuse the transfer of power without ample security for the independence and integrity of the Republic.

By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Venezuela.

New York, April 16.—The *Times* has a Panama correspondence of April 3d; advises from Bogota to March 12th, say the report of the arrest and imprisonment of Congress is untrue. Mosquera gave notice that he did not consider Congress a legal body, Negotiations resulted in a settlement of the quarrel, and the session continued. Mosquera's party hold their ground at Magdalena and Abella. One hundred and thirty men are near Mithra, without farms. Mosquera has withdrawn the exequatur of the British Consul at Cartagena.

Europe.

New York, April 16.—In the House of Lords, April 2nd, the Duke of Buckingham said that the cession of Russian America was likely to cause great feeling, and, probably, considerable excitement. He could not think, however, that the action of the United States was likely to have the overwhelming influence on the colonies as might at first be imagined. The English papers express much chagrin at the ratification of the Russian treaty, considering that England was entitled to the refusal of the territory.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—We understand that a final consolidation has been made between the Holiday line of steamships and the steamships of the C. S. N. Co., on the basis of the cash value of the steamship property of both Companies, and stock issued in proportion to the value of the property. C. J. Brenham is associated with Jesse Holladay in the agency at San Francisco. Wm. Norris will be elected Vice-President of the Home Company, in New York, and will have the general management of the affairs at that port. The steamer Idaho and Montana have been purchased by the new Company in this arrangement. The California O. and M. S. Co. have the prestige of the entire Pacific Coast steamship business from Mazatlan to British Columbia. No general news despatches from the East since the 16th. Lines working so badly.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Mexico.

Vera Cruz dates of the 2nd say a disagreement has occurred between the Imperial Commission and Gen. Gomez, in consequence of which the latter threw up his command. The disagreement is supposed to extend to other officers, who will probably follow Gomez's example. Gomez was commander of the Imperial forces at Vera Cruz. Puebla is reported captured by the Liberals. The Herald's Vera Cruz correspondence of the 30th ult. says that the city is so well defended it is impossible to capture it by assault. Within twenty-four hours after the French left, it might have been successful, but now the troops have gained confidence in their leaders, and it is impossible to tell how long the siege will last.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Thaddeus Stevens has written a letter to Secretary Seward warmly approving of the ratification of the Russian treaty, and congratulating the Secretary for the vote it received in the Senate.

New York, April 13.—The *Times* dispatch says it was proposed to make the newly purchased Territory a portion of Washington and Idaho, but the project has been abandoned for the present.

Parties representing Washington Territory interests have united on Hough as the candidate for Governor of that Territory.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Dr Norris, attending physician, requires the President to be kept as quiet as possible in order to give him an opportunity to recuperate. His illness proceeds from an affection of the liver, from which he has suffered severely heretofore.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Senate rejected the nomination of Thos. W. Sweeney, late Fenian Secretary of War, as Major of the 6th infantry.

New York, April 11.—The friends of Thad. Stevens say he was not so ill as reported, and is now nearly well again.

Europe.

STUTTGART, April 11.—Evening.—Orders have been sent from Berlin to the principal railway stations in Wurtemberg and Baden, to send cars for the transportation of cavalry horses.

LONDON, April 11.—The Princess of Wales is reported at the point of death. A surgical operation is required, and the bone of the knee necessary to be cut out. She cannot endure the pain; she is too weak, and obliged to take chloroform. The news is carefully kept from the public. The Prince haunts the theatres as usual.

Canada.

MONTREAL, April 12.—The Sorel poisoning case is concluded, and Sophie Boisclair has been condemned to death. She protested her innocence before the Court. Her counsel opposed the sentence on the ground that the accused was *insane*. A jury of matrons is appointed to investigate the matter.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Gen. Rousseau has been ordered to Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, to relieve Gen. Steele.

Canada.

MONTREAL, April 14.—A force of Federal troops has arrived at Rouse's Point. There is an impression that the Fenian raid will be made this month.

New York, April 16th.—The Montreal *Minerva* says steps will be taken in England to buy the northwest territory in order to connect by this belt of land British Columbia with the Eastern Confederation. It is also said in official circles in England that the United States may take a fancy to claim part of the Valley of Red River and the Saskatchewan.

Colombia.

New York, April 16.—Advices from Panama present a picture of the anarchy and despotism prevailing in Colombia. Mosquera has finally broken up Congress by military power, and imprisoned President Mariabille, his rival at the next election. It is expected that the next object of attack will be Panama and that that State will probably declare itself free and independent.

Europe.

New York, April 16.—In the British House of Lords, in reply to a question put by Earl Clarendon, the Duke of Buckingham said that recent communications from St. Petersburg confirmed the cession of the Russian territory to the United States. The question was likely to create great feeling and some excitement, but he trusted it would not be allowed undue weight in the minds of Englishmen. He did not think the cession likely to have an overwhelming influence upon the progress of the British Colonies in America.

New York, April 14.—A special despatch by the cable to the *Herald* says that a great race between the Cambridge and Oxford Clubs took place on Saturday, the 13th inst., on the Thames. Great interest was manifested. The banks of the river on both sides were lined with people for four miles. The race was one of the most exciting ever witnessed. The Oxford club won by half a length; time, 22:29.

Spain has yielded to the demands of England in the case of the steamer Victoria.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—A fire broke out in the Cosmopolitan Hotel this afternoon, the particulars of which are not yet received. The last despatch reports that the two upper stories were in flames, and that it was probable the whole building would be destroyed. The Occidental, which adjoins it, was also in great danger.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The following telegram will explain in part why Eastern despatches have come so irregularly during the past few days:—"Omaha, 22d.—We have been unable to cross the Missouri river since Saturday, by ferry or skiff. The water is high. The wires are still down over the Platte river, south of Omaha. The three mile flat on the east bank of the Missouri river is all under water, and the wire is off both masts on each side."

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—The Cosmopolitan Hotel is on fire. The hotel was full of guests, nearly every room in the house being occupied. If the two lower stories escape it will require months to put the building in repair. The whole attic story is gone, and the smoke is driving out of the windows of the next story below on the southeast corner. It may be possible to save the lower floors.

Eastern States.

New York, April 18th.—The *Herald's* special says an expedition to Russian America is being organized by the Department of State for the purpose of making thorough and scientific explorations. It will start about the first of May. The officers have not been designated, though Professor Baird, Smith or Henning will be one of the members. It will assemble at San Francisco and take the revenue cutter Lincoln and go to Sitka and thence explore the interior and coast.

It is rumored that negotiations are pending with England for the purchase of the western portion of British Columbia, including Vancouver Island. The only difficulty in the way of that consummation seems to be that Seward insists on turning in the Alabama claims as payment, to which Lord Stanley, Foreign Secretary, demurs.

Europe.

BERLIN, April 18.—Evening.—It is reported that the French frontier is to be put on a war footing and ambulances purchased, and that the French reserves will be called in on the 1st of May. Prussia is making preparations for war.

Canada.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 18.—The Canada papers complain that a gold excitement is prevailing among the young men there. Companies are forming throughout Canada; machinery is being transported at great expense; claims are sold at from five to fifty thousand dollars. The Madoc district presents the chief attraction.