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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Riel case was again before the House on Thursday evening, but nothing of importance was elicited from the witnesses examined, save that the parties intrusted with the warrant for the arrest of Riel, had used every means in their power to capture him but so far he had eluded them. Mr. Bowell, the member for North Hastings, gave notice that he would on Monday (yesterday) move that Louis Riel be expelled from the House.

At the urgent request of his political friends Sir J. A. Macdonald will continue to be the leader of the Opposition in Parliament.

The election in West Durham to fill the place of the Hon. E. B. Wood, appointed Chief Justice of Manitoba, resulted in the choice of Mr. Burk, Ministerial, by a majority of 263.

Mr. Costigan has given notice that he will bring up in the House of Commons the New Brunswick School Question.

The Welland Canal is open.

A telegram from London to the *Globe* announces that the resignation of Mr. Bridges has been accepted by the Grand Trunk Railway Directors.

The revival of the Volunteer movement in the West, is being supplemented by the formation of a Rifle Association at London, with an influential board of Officers.

The Public Accounts Report was laid on the table by the Finance Minister. The funded debt of the Dominion, July 1st, 1873, was \$105,292,556; miscellaneous debts, \$22,519,188; total liabilities, \$130,778,098, show an increase of \$8,378,081 during the year ending 31st June last. Total assets on 1st July last, \$30,929,636; total receipts for year 1872-3, \$33,305,305; total expenditure, \$35,287,250.

George Brown, of Halifax, and Wm. Sharff, of Pittsburg, will row a five mile race for the Championship of America and \$2,000 a side in June next.

A rowing match between George Brown of Halifax and Fulton, of St. John, to come off in Halifax harbour, has been arranged. It is likely Brown will accept Coulter's challenge to row him at Toronto.

A soldier who deserted from the 60th Rifles three months ago in Ireland has given himself up to the authorities in Halifax, N. S. Such a surrender is a very unusual occurrence.

The repairs going on at Creedmore will be completed in a few days, and extensive preparations are being made for the forthcoming International Rifle Match for the championship of the world.

The steamer *Tigress* of the Polaris expedition, while seal fishing, exploded her boiler. Two engineers and twenty of the crew were killed. The ship is under sail for St. John's.

The Railway policy of the Nova Scotia Government, as announced in the Legislature, Tuesday, is to subsidise the companies building western extensions with \$6,000 per mile, and eastern extensions with \$5,000 per mile.

Four Chicago ladies, engaged in the liquor crusade, threaten to make a raid upon the saloons of London, Ont.

The United States House Committee on military affairs reported favourably on the resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to detail an officer to command the second expedition of the Palestine Exploring Society, to explore 15,000 squares lying East of River Jordan.

Nearly \$20,000 have been so far pledged by individuals and Sunday School Societies.

The President of the United States has nominated Commodore Wm. Leroy to be Rear Admiral.

The British Columbia Gold Mines appear to be very productive. Lightning Creek gold returns for one week, were: the Victoria company, 420 oz; Vancouver company, 190 oz; Point company, 90 oz; Spruce company, 50 oz. This amount of gold, 750 ounces, at \$18.50 per ounce, would be worth \$13,875. A year's yield at this rate, would amount to \$721,500 worth of gold, or considerably more than three times the yield of all the Nova Scotia gold mines last year. Our Pacific province will not want for population if it continues to produce gold at this rate.

On Easter Monday there was a general review of the Volunteers at Wimbledon; 10,000 men were under arms.

A three day's armistice, in which Bilbao was not included has been agreed upon for the burial of the dead. Meantime the bombardment of the city continues. Gen. Caballero de Rodas, with five thousand men, is advancing, by forced marches, to the assistance of Marshal Serrano.

On the Carlist war the latest report is that Marshal Serrano with his entire force has advanced to within a few miles of Abran ton and commenced a heavy cannonade upon the town. An attempt will be made by the Republican forces to take the town at the point of the bayonet, and a bombardment has been commenced preparatory to the assault.

The SS. *Europe* of the French Transatlantic line, has been abandoned at sea in a sinking condition. The passengers and

crew were taken off by the National line S.S. *Greece*.

From city of Mexico it is reported that six prisoners charged with murdering the Rev. Mr. Stephens, the American Missionary, have been condemned to death. The case against the Priest, of Ochoa, and his associates implicated in the murder, is still pending.

One hundred and twenty newspapers and periodicals have been suppressed in France since MacMahon became President.

The Royal gold medal of the institute of British Architects has been awarded to Mr. John Ruskin Slade, Professor of Fine Arts at Oxford.

It is reported that Queen Victoria, with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, will visit Germany, and spend a short time at the ducal court of Coburg.

A thoughtful Parisian vegetarian has applied to the Government to let out to him the moat of the fortifications round the capital for the purpose of planting it with fruit and vegetables in case of a second siege.

Six persons have been fined for swearing in the streets of Blackburn, and other towns in England are about to follow the example. If the idea were acted upon here a goodly fund might be raised.

Sir Alexander Cockburn, the Lord Chief Justice of England, has undertaken to find out the author of "Junius." It is said that even during the late great trial of Arthur Orton, he snatched many hours to study the subject at the British Museum. A London paper remarks that the secret of "Junius" has never yet been examined by a first rate judicial intellect, and if that anybody can clear it up it is the Lord Chief Justice.

The Zoological Society of London has just made an important addition to its collection in the shape of a Javan rhinoceros, which is the first animal of the species ever brought alive to Europe. There were already representatives of three species of these huge animals in the society's gardens. This makes a fourth, and renders the series nearly complete, only two other kinds of rhinoceroses being known to exist.

The Indian papers contain accounts of religious riots which have recently taken place in Bombay. It seems that the Mahomedans were greatly excited by the comments of one of their priests upon a translation of Washington Irving's *Life of Mohamet* which had been published by a Parsee. An offer was made to stop the sale of the book, and it was thought that the matter had been pacifically settled. However, serious riots occurred, a good deal of pillage took place, many arrests were made, and several persons were injured.