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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Col. Fletcher having been ordered to re-join his regiment, has resigned the positions at the head of the Vice-Regal Staff, which he has held since Lord Dufferin's advent in Canada, and will sail for England on the 10th proximo. The intelligence will be received with a general feeling of regret. He takes command of his Battalion of the Scots Fusilier Guards.

It is said that either Mr. Lawrence Oliphant, the English author, or Mr. Herbert, a cousin of Lord Carnarvon, will be appointed as successor to Lieut.-Col. Fletcher.

Mr. R. S. M. Bouchette, late Commissioner of Customs, arrived at Ottawa on the 18th. He will, during his stay in this city, be presented with the memorial from his numerous friends in the Customs, which has been so much spoken of for some weeks past. He is at present the guest of Mr. J. R. Audy, Daly street.

The lower portion of Port Colborne is badly flooded, and in some streets the inhabitants are obliged to move about in boats and rafts.

Col. Shaw, the Agent of the Glasgow Colonization Society, to whom was granted a reserve of twelve townships on the Little Saskatchewan River, in Manitoba, reports that fifty families are already on the way, and 150 more are soon to leave for the Reserve. He expresses the opinion that if the Canada Pacific R. R. was in progress half a million emigrants might be obtained at once from Europe, to work thereon a year and then settle.

The new Province of Saskatchewan will extend from White Mud River on the east to Edmonton, including all the country watered by the North Saskatchewan, and will be admitted to the Confederation as soon as its population numbers 15,000, and will have both Federal and Local representation. This will leave room for a Province to the north and one to the south, Manitoba being extended west to White Mud River.

The *Oswego Palladian* says: "The competition has been so great to supply the Grand Trunk Railway with coal that the company has effected a saving of \$160,000 as compared with last year. The 95,000 tons to be supplied from Pennsylvania and Ohio, have been secured at a reduction of \$1.14 per ton.

In the Nova Scotia Assembly on the 17th, the Provincial Secretary gave notice that he would move a resolution providing for the allotment of 200,000 acres of Crown lands in Cape Breton, and a subsidy of \$7,000 per mile, to be given to any Company who will give security for the construction of a rail-

way from Canso to Louisburg, and a further sum of \$5,000 towards a ferry across the Straits of Canso.

A cable telegram from London, of the 18th inst., gives the following important news from India: "The Calcutta correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that difficulties have arisen between the Indian Government and the King of Burmah regarding boundaries, and the latter's claim to sovereignty over several independent States. In spite of Lord Northbrook's proposal for a mixed commission for the settlement of the questions at issue, the King has occupied the disputed territory, and refuses to withdraw. The British authorities insist on a settlement by the means they have proposed, and troops are going to British Burmah."

The present gold speculation in New York is exciting considerable comment in that city. It is admitted that a strong clique has obtained control of the market, though opinions differ widely as to who compose the pool.

A Nashville dispatch says a water spout which fell at Fayetteville on Sunday, caused an immense overflow at Norria Creek, and a small village was suddenly and completely inundated. The steam saw mills of Bettes were lifted up and carried down the stream; Caridge's distillery has gone, also several smaller establishments. The damage is estimated at \$100,000. Another water spout fell near Lynchburg, carrying away two distilleries and many out-houses. Hail fell so thickly that the surface of the stream looked like a mass of ice. Hundreds of cattle were drowned. The stream is sweeping over the iron bridge at Nashville on the Northwestern Railroad. Johnsonville is completely inundated. The heavy storm of Sunday night did immense damage.

The U. S. Secretary of War says an expedition to the Black Hills must be prevented. The Western States have been visited with another fearful snow storm, which blocks up all the roads.

London, 20th.—The weather was favorable for the boat race, though rather cold. Betting during the morning was three to one on the Oxford crew. The banks of the Thames were, as on former occasions, lined with masses of people all the morning, the different avenues leading to the river were choked with vehicles and pedestrians, and at noon to day London presented a deserted appearance. The crowd that congregated to day two witness that the boat race was unprecedentedly large, many persons of rank and distinction witnessed the contest. The Cambridge boat took the lead at first but Oxford soon overtook it and won the race easily by ten lengths.

The U. S. Attorney-General has announced that goods exhibited at Philadelphia cannot in any event be held liable for the debts of the Centennial Commission.

The Public Prosecutor of the Roman Court of Appeal has received a letter from the Italian Minister of Justice, saying that the care the Government exercises in order not to infringe the liberties of the Church rendered it all the more determined not to allow any violations of the law. With special reference to Rome, he states the manner in which the Government intends to deal with these ecclesiastics who break the law, particularly in cases of the use of violent language in sermons.

The *Daily News* understands that the use of Her Majesty's Opera House in the Haymarket has been granted to Messrs. Moody and Sankey for a series of revival services.

It has been colder in Sweden this winter than in any other civilized country. In Furundal thermometer marked sixty degrees below zero.

An old stone fence was recently unearthed near Rome, which was found to be almost entirely composed of fragments of Scripture, broken busts, vases, &c.

Mr. Ewing, the sculptor, of Glasgow, is engaged upon the long expected statue of Burns, which is now rapidly nearing completion. The head is said to be magnificently moulded.

We learn by cable despatch that Mr. John Mitchell, the recently elected member for Tipperary, is dead.

The Vienna journals report the death, at the great age of 104 years, of M. Hoel de Saint Gilbert, the last page of Marie Antoinette. He was interred at Baden, near the Austrian capital.

Lord Charles Russell has resigned the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms at the House of Commons. He has held the post since 1848, and is 68 years of age. The office is in the gift of the Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Muller, a member of the Russian expedition to Northern Siberia, has stated to the St. Petersburg Geographical Society that the North Pole is not an isolated point, but a territory of a certain extent, towards the whole of which the inclination of the needle is the same, and of this territory he hopes to make the tour.

Baltimore, Md., 19th.—The water is from five to fifteen feet deep in the streets of Port Deposit Md, and the destruction of property is very great, but no lives lost. At Havre de Grace the ice has gorged about five miles below the town. The wharves there are all flooded, whole piles of lumber have been swept from them. The streets next to the river are completely blocked with ice. Water is falling now.