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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

We believe the Minister of Militia is in treaty with the proprietors of the Rink Music Hall to lease the building for a drill shed, for which purpose it is well adapted.

We understand that Capt Blakely of St. Paul, Minn, who has the contract for carrying the United States mails tri-weekly between Minnesota and Fort Garry, has come to Ottawa to urge on the Government the advantage of changing it from tri-weekly to a daily mail, which we have no doubt would be very acceptable to the citizen of Winnipeg.

A telegram from Fort Garry dated December 4, brings the news of the resignation of the Ministry, and the formation, and the formation of a new one under the leaderships of the Hon. R. A. Davis. The Legislative Council is abolished. The following constitute the new Government:— Hon. R. A. Davis, Provincial Treasurer and Premier; Hon. Joseph Royal, Minister of Public Works and Provincial Secretary; Hon. Colin Innes, President of the Council, thus reducing the Cabinet from five to three members.

The officers of the Provisional Battalion on duty at Fort Garry who have been mustered out are the following; Major A. G. Irvine, Capt. Thos. Scott, J. P. Fletcher, S.B. Harman; Lieuts. C. Constantine, J. Allen; Ensign G. Gow and Lieut. Anderson, Dominion Artillery.

The Winnipeg City Council, on Monday evening 15th Nov., voted an address to Major Irvine expressive of their esteem and regret at his severance from the Active Militia force on duty in Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Field Battery, under Major Kennedy, are putting in their annual drill. The men muster well every evening and take an interest in their drill.

It is reported that the Dominion Government have applied to the proper authorities for space for Canadian products in the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia.

An American exchange says: This has been a year of storm and flood. While lands have suffered severely by devastation our own country has been the greatest sufferer. Some of the calamities have been appalling, from the loss of life that accompanied them. The broken reservoir at Mill River, the flood at Pittsburg and the waterspouts

in Nevada swept away hundreds to death, while the inundation of the levee lanes of the Lower Mississippi destroyed millions of property. In the November gale which swept through the land, the year evinced its determination to keep up its reputation of destructiveness to the last. In its wild sweep from the gulfs to the Lakes, it took at least twenty lives, left scores of wounded in its track, and ruined an immense amount of property. In the cities it proved destructive only to umbrellas, awnings and chimney pots.

Mayor Havemeyer died suddenly at his office in the City Hall building, New York, this morning, November 30th.

The death of Mayor Havemeyer, and the succession of Alderman Vance to the Mayoralty, removes the strongest opposition to the proposed million dollars appropriation for the completion of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, and leaves Controller Green in a minority in the Board of Estimates and apportionments.

Honey is being sent from San Francisco to the Atlantic by the car-load, some 150 tons having already been shipped East by Pacific Railroad this fall season.

Men in New York State who get drunk in a saloon, and then break all the glassware in the place, cannot be made to pay the damage. The seller of the liquor is, under the present law, liable for the injury done by the drinker.

A Spanish gunboat arrived with a small schooner in tow flying the British flag. The vessel was found on the coast twenty-five miles from the port, and two miles and a half from the shore. She still carries the British colors, although an armed crew from the gunboat is on board.

Much interest is manifested as to what course Great Britain will pursue in relation to the seizure, and taking to Santiago, De Cuba of the schooner flying the British flag, it being only a year since the Virginus trouble occurred between Spain and the United States.

The Carlists have laid siege to Baega fifty miles from Barcelona.

A typhoon occurred at Yezo, Japan, on October 12th, and many sea coast villages were greatly injured, one of which was entirely destroyed. Thirty-three junks were wrecked, and 300 lives were lost.

There have been no disturbances in the Fiji Islands since the British Government assumed the sovereignty.

Prince Arthur, while out riding to-day, was thrown from his horse, at Norwich, and sustained a fracture of the leg.

Russia contemplates the reassembling next March in St. Petersburg of the International Law Conference lately held in Brussels. Exertions will probably be made to secure the consent of Great Britain and some minor states. The work of the conference will be confined to the enactment of more purely philanthropic clauses of the programme proposed by Russia. If these endeavors fail, the three northern powers may possibly settle the matter alone.

Twenty one lives were lost on the Scottish coast line during the gale of Saturday and Sunday.

One of the oldest "of England's wooden walls" vessels in the Royal Navy of the past century, the three-decker line of battle ship *Dreadnought*, is to be broken up, an order to that effect having been received at Chatham Dockyard. The *Dreadnought* was for many years used as a hospital ship for seamen of all nations in the Thames, until she became unfitted even for that service, and she was accordingly removed to Chatham, where she has since been stationed, another vessel of war being sent to take her place as a hospital ship in the Thames. Her timbers, notwithstanding her great age, are believed to be still sound.

Winter has set in with great severity in the north of Scotland. Snow has fallen heavily in Invernesshire and Aberdeenshire the fall was heavy and the cold intense.

The Queen in person presented medals to the marines and blue jackets who specially distinguished themselves in the Ashantee campaign.

Numerous finds of diamonds are reported from the Gold Coast, and a large party of Australian diggers have arrived and commenced active operations. Business at Cape Town is still depressed.

A circular letter from Archbishop Manning was read in all the Catholic Churches of the Dioceses on Sunday the 29th inst., declaring that all persons who do not accept the dogma of Papal infallibility cease to be Catholics.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies, on the 2nd, agreed by unanimous vote to take up at once the question of an annuity to Garibaldi.

Mass was celebrated at Berlin, on the 29th Nov., for the first time by a priest of the "Old Catholic" Church. The congregation numbered about three hundred, of whom twenty received communion.

Captain G. S. Nares, now in command of Her Majesty's ship *Challenger*, has been selected to command the expedition to be fitted out by Great Britain for exploration in the Arctic regions.