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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Minister of Militia received a telegram from Major Ritchie, of the Nova Scotian team, stating that the United States Customs authorities at Island Pond had seized the trophies won at the Dominion Rifle Association matches held here last week, on the plea of an alleged infraction of the Customs regulations of that country. The Department of Customs here at once communicated with the American Customs authorities in reference to this gross breach of International courtesy, and as it was evident that the articles detained were merely *in transitu*, and not intended for sale in the United States, they were released.

At Kingston the veterans of 1812-13 in that county were paid by Lt. Col. Macpherson on the 14th. Twenty six were paid, the youngest seventy nine years, and the oldest ninety-nine. Forty-five applied, one died and the others did not appear being sick.

The Crimean guns which were presented to the city of Ottawa by Her Majesty the Queen a few years ago, are being removed from their late site on the Major's Hill, and are to be mounted in rear of the Parliament House, on a site facing the Ottawa river. It was indeed high time that something was done to preserve those relics of British prowess from destruction.

The formal opening of the new Normal School here will take place on Wednesday next, 22nd inst., at Gowan's Hall. Hon. Mr. Mowat and other distinguished gentlemen will be present on the occasion.

Mr. Ford, H. M. *Charge D' Affaires* at Dramstadt, who has been appointed agent of the Commission which is shortly to meet at Halifax, under the Washington Treaty, to determine the amount to be paid by the Americans for the use of our fisheries, and Mr. Bergue, of the Foreign office, who has been appointed Secretary to Washington for this Commission, arrived in Ottawa on the 16th. These gentlemen, while here, will make the necessary arrangements for preparing the case on the part of Great Britain to be submitted to the Commission.

A number of Boston capitalists are about to purchase from a Canadian firm a patent for manufacturing india rubber from the common milk weed, which for some time has been successfully worked.

It is now stated that the amount stolen by young Nicholls from the Bank of Commerce, Montreal, is between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Desaulles, the absconding clerk of the Crown at Montreal, has been heard from at Yarennes, France. He has resigned his post, and Mr. Schiller has been sworn in in his place.

The New York *Herald*, speaking of the administration of Indian affairs, says:—"Indian affairs are far better managed in the Dominion of Canada than in this country. According to the last report of the Commissioners in charge of the matter across the frontier, of which an interesting account is published elsewhere, the savage tribes have been converted into thrifty villagers by a process which combines common sense with a keen knowledge of human nature. The most fertile source of all our Indian wars is the cheating and knavery of white traders and government agents. The Canadian authorities, by dealing honestly with the aboriginals, earn their confidence and esteem and achieve the work of civilization without the slightest trouble."

The Hon. John Young is at present in Ottawa in connection with the Baie Verte Canal. The Hon. W. P. Howland having returned from Europe, the Commissioners will meet shortly in St. John, N.B., to prepare a final report on the practicability of this scheme.

Three hundred miles of the Pacific telegraph line between Fort Pelly and Battle River have been constructed.

The contract for the iron work on the western extension of the department building, Ottawa, has been awarded to Ives & Co., of Montreal. The contract price is said to be between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

Chicago is the biggest grain mart in the world, and handles about 90,000,000 bushels annually.

Sixteen thousand eight hundred and eighty nine persons were banished from Russia to Siberia, between May and October last. One thousand and eighty women and children over fifteen years of age, with one thousand two hundred and sixty nine young children, voluntarily accompanied the ex-ciles.

The Bonapartists are actively moving in France, and the Constitutional Party has become alarmed.

The cattle disease threatens to become very destructive in England. There are six thousand cases in Devonshire alone.

Southern France has again been devastated by floods and the corps have been greatly damaged. At St. Chinian, about seventy persons are supposed to have perished from a waterspout.

The tunnel under the English Channel will be constructed between Cape Grisnez and Folkestone. It will be twenty four miles long, and as the French assembly and the English Parliament have passed their respective channel tunnel bills, and there is plenty of money in the hands of the tunnel companies, the work will soon be commenced.

*La France*, of Paris, declares it has trustworthy information that a change is likely to take place in the policy of the Right Centre, that is due to the wishes of the Orleans Princes, who are said to be about to renounce all claims to the Throne, and adhere to the Republic without reserve.

Cape Colony, Africa, has 800 miles of railway in course of construction at a cost of \$20,000,000.

An Alexandria paper states, that Egypt will probably soon become an important exporter of salt to India.

The Prussian Chambers have voted the sum of \$30,000 to defray the cost of rebuilding the Academy of Art at Cusseldorf.

An exchange says that a German in New York has discovered a method of making leather from tissue paper, and that the right to manufacture the article in the United States has been sold for \$250,000.

A Madrid correspondent of London *Times* summarizes a circular of the Papal Nuncio to the Bishops as follows: the Nuncio claims fulfilment of the Concordat, which forbids the exercise of any non-Catholic creed, and requiring a transfer of the superintendence over education to the clergy, and pledging the co-operations of the secular power in suppressing heretical teaching and literature.

He says "one of the causes of the civil war is the way in which religious unity has been misunderstood by previous governments. For these reasons, and in view of consequences, the Holy See believes itself strictly obliged to present these observations to the Government." The *Times* correspondent adds: "No doubt the presentation of this audacious claim at a time when a Liberal cabinet has just been installed, implies a threat that if the Government reject it, a blessing of the Church will be definitely transferred to Don Carlos and peace will be retarded in every possible way."

The London *Globe* has reason to believe that the Lords of the Admiralty contemplate a cruise for the inspection of the Government Works at Malta. The navy yards of France and probably those of Italy will also be visited.

Vienna, 14.—In response to an appeal from the Prince of Montenegro, the Austrian Government has sent a staff of surgeons to attend to the large number of wounded insurgents who have been brought into Montenegrin territory and the Government of Dalmatia has been instructed to forward supplies of food for 30,000 refugees now in Montenegro, in great distress and destitution.

The health of Jerusalem is at the present moment good; but cholera is making sad havoc at Beyrout and Damascus, and is spreading in other districts.