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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Barnum's Great Show is to exhibit in Ottawa on the 13th and 14th of July. It is universally admitted to be the largest and best travelling Menagerie on this Continent. And as the people of Ottawa are famed for their patronage of Circuses and all kinds of Shows, we have no doubt but that Barnum's will be literally cramed. It is some time since a Menagerie worth going to see has made its appearance here, so this will be a real novelty to many, who will gladly embrace the opportunity of seeing it.

The Manitoba Legislature is now in Session, and amongst the measures submitted was one providing for the re-adjustment of the representation, and one for the abolition of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Mackenzie has gone to Quebec, it is said, to make an inspection of its advantages, in order to decide upon the site for the new Military College. Kingston was visited and its facilities ascertained a few weeks ago.

West Peterboro', contrary to all expectation, has elected Mr. Scott, a Liberal Conservative, as its representative in the Local Legislature, by a majority of six.

We understand the Hon. Mr. Fournier will assume the portfolio of Minister of Justice, and Mr. Geoffrion, M.P., that of Minister of Inland Revenue. These changes have been generally anticipated for some time.

Rev. Lachlin Taylor D.D., has been appointed immigration lecturer in Europe on behalf of the Dominion.

The crops in Western Ontario are very promising. Fall wheat and oats are in capital condition. There is more than an average yield to the acre.

A company, with the Hon. Dr. Robitaille at its head, has been formed to connect the Intercolonial Railway with Paspebiac Harbor on the Baie des Chaleurs. The distance to be traversed is about one hundred miles. The object is to shorten the ocean voyage to Europe. Paspebiac Harbor remains open throughout the winter.

From Halifax we learn that the statement about the wreck of the cable steamer *Furaday* proves to be a canard. After leaving Halifax she experienced continuous fogs near Torbay, where she was greatly delayed, but hopes to reach Portsmouth in a few days.

Chief Justice Wood has decided that the Manitoban Courts have jurisdiction over the Scott murderers. Lepine is to be tried at a special session in September.

Competition has driven down the fare by steamer between Quebec and Montreal to cabin \$1, steerage 25c. The Richelieu Company are putting on two new steamers, the *Canada* and the *Berthier*.

An Indian Council has been in session at Sarnia. Speeches were made in favour of enfranchisement,— those accepting to forfeit their rights as Indians.

The French Canadians of Canada and the United States, held a grand convention last week at Montreal, with a view to induce those French Canadians who had gone to the States to return to Canada. Several addresses were delivered. The benediction of the Holy Father was received by telegraph. An attempt to elect Louis Riel as a member of a general committee of management was, after advice, withdrawn, as likely to injure other than favor his amnesty.

The *Times* says the Government have offered Attorney General Walkem the necessary assistance for the obtainment of his credentials, as the Ministerial representative of British Columbia. The signature of His Excellency the Governor General will, doubtless, be appended to these papers in a few days, when Mr. Walkem will be in a position to proceed to England.

The American Pilgrims have disbanded at Rome, and many of them are returning to their homes.

Henry Grinnell, who fitted out the expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, died in New York on the 2nd inst., at the age of seventy-five years.

Mr. Mathew Bell Irvine, Deputy Controller of the Ashantee expedition, is in town and staying with his brother, Mr. James Irvine, of the Union Bank.

From an article in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, it appears that Canada, last year, made about 20,000,000 lbs. of cheese, averaging 11½ cts. per lb., and realizing about \$2,000,000. Of this sum Ontario secured about \$1,825,000, the balance scattered over the Provinces.

At about ten o'clock, p.m., the comet, the lowest star in the "dipper" and the Pole star, form almost an equilateral triangle. Now you can find it.

Despatches from Spain report that the Republican troops are greatly excited over the reports of the murder and mutilation of the wounded by the Carlists and it is feared that they will make sanguinary reprisals. Several accounts represent that the Carlists were on the point of retreating when Gen. Concha was killed.

It is announced that President Grant will attend the re union of the Grand Army of the Republic at Paterson on the 22nd inst.

A recent number of the *London Gazette* says that the Queen has appointed the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Aberdeen, Earl Delaware, the Earl Belmore, Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, M. P., the Right Hon. A. S. Ayrton, Lieut.-General Sir J. L. A. Simmons, Mr. T. E. Harrison, (President of the Institution of Civil Engineers,) and Mr. William Galt, to be the Royal Commissioners to inquire into the causes of accidents on railways, and into the possibility of removing any such causes by further legislation.

King George of Hanover has purchased a palace in Vienna. It is said that he purchased it from a banker named Epstein for three million guildens.

The Czar, as a punishment to his nephew, the Grand Duke Constantine, for the theft of his mother's diamonds, has banished him to Caucasus for life, and deprived him of the Cross of St. George, which was bestowed upon him for achievements at Khiva.

The soundings for the Japan cable show that at least six submarine mountain ranges lie between Honolulu and Yokohama. The summits of one range reach to the surface. The height of these submerged mountains is from 6,000 to 12,000 feet, and their peaks are covered with coral and lava. The remainder of the ocean bed seems to be a level plain.

Calcutta, 3rd.—Reports from where the famine has prevailed are most favorable. The native crops are in excellent condition. The number of persons employed at the relief works has decreased to 250,000, and only 400,000 people are now being fed by Government.

The funeral of Gen. M. Concha took place to-day. The ceremonies were very imposing and the crowds of spectators on the line of procession were immense. Marshal Serrano and all the Cabinet Ministers followed the coffin.

The Carlist force at Estella number 38,000. Gen. Zabala has 108 canon and hopes of his speedy victory are increasing. The Carlists energetically deny the charge of the massacre and mutilation of the wounded and prisoners as charged against them.

Madrid, 2nd.—The Republican troops are fortifying the line that was planned by the late Marshal Concha, to connect the Carlists in a small district of country destitute of resources.