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Topics of the Times.

Her Majesty has conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath on Sir John A. Macdonald.

Sir John A. Macdonald and President Stephen, of the C. P. R., sailed from England for Canada on the 29th inst.

Thomas David King, an enthusiastic student and patron of Literature and the originator of the Shakespeare Club of Montreal, is dead.

A cablegram announces that Mr. Matthew Arnold is about to make an extensive tour in America, and has resigned the Inspectorship of Schools, for that purpose.

The Right Hon. George J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., has been appointed Postmaster-General of Great Britain, *vice* Mr. Fawcett, deceased.

All is quiet on Manhattan Island. Blaine and the Republican committee accepted the situation and Grover Cleveland is virtually President of the United States.

The Canadian boatmen are beginning to find that they laughed too soon at the Nile cataracts. They and their task both difficult and dangerous.

Scientific experimenters in Paris claim to have succeeded in operating a printing press by concentrating the sun's rays upon a steam boiler, by means of reflectors.

Gen. Wolseley has received a letter from Gen. Gordon, dated Khartoum, Nov. 4th. The details are not made public, but Gordon says his position in Khartoum is very secure and his troops in excellent spirits.

John Newton, Chief of Engineers in the United States, in his annual report to Washington, says the American coast defences are not sufficiently strong to resist attack from the most insignificant enemy.

At a meeting of the Imperial Federation Conference in London on the 17th and 18th inst., Sir John A. Macdonald spoke strongly in support of the movement and afterwards moved the appointment of the General Committee.

The Jamaica Legislature have declined by an emphatic vote of 8 to 1—Mr. Solomon himself being the glorious minority—to ask admission to the Canadian confederation. What a waste of good editorial thunder we have had, to be sure!

An injunction having been issued to prevent Louisa Devey from publishing Lord Lytton's letters, she says she will be obliged to use other and not less forcible evidence to vindicate Lady Lytton.

Mr. Trevelyan, late Irish Secretary, has been made Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the cabinet. Mr. Campbell Bannerman, a Scotchman and kinsman of the Duke of Argyle and Marquis of Lorne, has succeeded to the thorny chair of the Irish Secretaryship.

The largest main building ever erected, it is said, is now completed at New Orleans, for the coming World's Exhibition. It roofs thirty-three acres without partitions. It is twelve acres larger in extent than all the buildings of the greatest London exposition together.