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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Ottawa Brigade of Garrison Artillery, commanded by Lieut. Col. James Egleston, consisting of 7 batteries, 42 rank and file each, left Ottawa last Tuesday for the Brockville camp by the Canada Central Railway. The Field Battery, commanded by Captain John Stewart, left on Wednesday morning via Richmond, and expected to reach camp by noon on Friday. They mustered three officers, 75 men, and 60 horses, and have 4 guns fully equipped. This is without doubt one of the finest batteries in the Dominion. The Ottawa Troop of Cavalry, under the command of Captain N. Sparks and Lieut. J. A. Slater, also took the overland route.

The long desired and earnestly prayed for rain came down on Thursday afternoon about half past five o'clock, accompanied by thunder and lightning, and a heavy squall of wind which did considerable damage in different parts of the country to the growing crops, to houses, fences, trees, and also we regret to say to the taking of life itself. The storm, however, has had the effect of cooling the atmosphere, and it is to be hoped also of checking the bush fires.

The Belleville *Intelligencer* says: "A very fine representation of the mineral products of North Hastings is now being made at the Belleville and North Hastings Railway Company. The collection will be sent to Philadelphia for exhibition at the Centennial Exposition, and we venture to say will do credit to the Province at large and this section in particular."

The change of gauge on the Intercolonial Railway between St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S., from the wide to the narrow has been made, so as to correspond with the Grand Trunk line.

The Halifax *Evening Reporter* of June 19, says:—"The military authorities (Imperial) are in negotiation for the purchase of a portion of the Portobello estate, near Dartmouth, for the purpose of converting it into a range for rifle practice. The Sackville range, near Bedford, is only under lease, and is somewhat objectionable, owing to the swampy character of the ground. The proposed new range will admit of gunnery practice, as it faces on a lake on which floating targets can be erected. A party of Royal Engineers are to go out on Monday and survey the site."

The Cumberland Provisional Battalion, and the 78th (Highland) of Hants and Colchester, numbering in all 500 rank and file, went into camp at Debert, Chichester, on the 22nd, and will remain for 12 days.

The recruits for the Mounted Police Force arrived safely at Fort Garry on the 14th. They left the following day for Fort Pelly.

The men and horses were reported to be in the best of health, and altogether very comfortable.

Mr. Alfred Reeve and Mr. G. F. Franklyn, of Toronto, cattle dealer, have chartered one of the Dominion Line steamers to carry 150 head of cattle to Liverpool for the English market. This will be the first shipment of cattle from Ontario.

Again the report is revived that the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise intend making a tour of Canada and the United States this summer.

H. M. steamships *Swallow* and *Commodore*, who were despatched to look after the missing boats of the ill-fated steamer *Vicksburg*, have returned to St. John's, N.F., without finding a vestige of them. They are supposed to have foundered.

J. B. Johnson, an English swimmer, and Thomas Coyle, of Chester, Pa. have made arrangements to swim a match in July for \$1,000 aside in the Delaware river, from Chester to Philadelphia; distance 16 miles.

A gigantic Indian war is predicted in Uncle Sam's dominions, if it has not already been inaugurated. Advices from Spotted Tail's agency states that three large war parties left that vicinity on the 17th inst.

A Fort Laramie special says that many thousand miners are preparing to go back to the hills. Three large Sioux parties are on the war path, and an Indian war is not improbable.

A despatch from Omaha, June 23, says: "Prominent frontiersmen and army officers express the opinion that there will be great trouble with the Sioux, Cheyennes and Arapahoes this summer and fall. At least five large war parties have left the reservation during the past two weeks. The cavalry in this department are unable to keep them on the reservation. Through their limited numbers it will be impossible for the soldiers to guard the Black Hills and attend to the Indians."

The United States Secretary of the Navy has made a requisition for \$360,000 on the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the remainder of the *Farragut* prize awards.

The Governor of Ceylon has issued a prohibition against the destruction of elephants, which are becoming scarce on account of the slaughter by sportsmen.

The British steamship *Amaga* is reported by telegram to have sunk off Para. The crew and passengers were saved, and it was expected that at least a large part of the cargo would be got out.

Iron beds and furniture, artistically worked, and by a new system of painting imitating perfectly rosewood, are to be one of the chief contributions of Italy at the Centennial Fair.

The London Tavern was offered for sale the other day, but was bought in, after a lively competition, for £84,500, to which sum the bidding had advanced from a first offer of £65,000. Ten years ago the property changed proprietors for £41,000.

There is a strong military party in the German Empire disposed to disturb the peace of Europe. A feverish belligerent agitation pervades all over the Continent, and big and little powers are putting new hinges and locks on their doors, for fear they will be broken open.

Germany is Germanizing the names of the streets of Metz. Strasburg's always were Germanized.

The ships of the British Arctic expedition are provided with carrier pigeons, to be used by sledge parties in communicating with the ships.

The shooting match for the Dublin Club's long range Prize Cup, in which the American Riflemen participated, took place at Dolly. The best scores were as follows: Irish—Rigby 135; Hamilton 33; J. Rigby 125; Black 112; Miller 113; Bodine 129; Dakin 127; Gilderslieve 123; Coleman 112. The total score of the Irish, 745. Of Americans, 739. The match won by Rigby.

At the rifle contest in Belfast on the 22d, to complete the Irish Team, Johnston and McKenna defeated Rigby and Fulton. Johnston scored 218 out of a possible 225.

The American Rifle Team visited the Curragh Camp on the 23rd. A grand review and sham fight by troops was given in honor of the Americans. The team lunched with officers and afterwards witnessed the Curragh Races. The scorers and markers for the great International Rifle Match has been selected from among the members of the 55th Regiment. The selection has been approved of by members of the Irish and American teams.

A despatch, dated Paris 23rd, says: "The recent heavy rains have caused an unprecedented overflow of the river Garonne. Two bridges and many houses have been carried away. Toulouse is inundated, the waters are still rising, and the situation is serious. The hospital is threatened, and patients have been removed." Later.—The damage to property and loss of life by the flood in the River Garonne is greater than previously reported. At Toulouse alone the bodies of 100 persons, who were drowned, were found in houses which were flooded but left standing. Many other people perished; their bodies were carried off in the houses that were swept away.

A sword fish attacked a skiff occupied by three gentlemen in New York Bay, but they managed to overcome it. It was more than 19 feet long, and weighed 350 pounds.