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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Colonel Walker Powell, Adjutant General of Militia, returned to Ottawa, on Saturday morning looking all the better for his short absence from the city. We understand he enjoyed his trip West very much, but regretted that his official duties would not admit of his longer protracting his stay. The Colonel was only absent two weeks.

Dr. Grant, who accompanied His Excellency to England, returned home on the 4th. The doctor is the bearer of a magnificent cup from the Duke of Sutherland for the St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa.

Lt.-Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, returned to Ottawa on the 4th from the Province of Quebec, where he has been settling the claims of the Militiamen of 1812.

Lieutenant Colonel McPherson, of the Department of Militia and Defence, left Ottawa on the 5th, for the purpose of enquiring into and settling at various places throughout this district, the claims of the men who served in the war of 1812 and 1813. The above work will entail considerable labour, and no doubt the applications of those who claim to have taken part in the above war will receive every consideration at his hands.

Lieutenant Colonel Jackson, Deputy Adjutant General of No 4 District, sailed from Sarnia on Friday last, in charge of the eighty four men, now *en route* for Manitoba, and who are to replace those whose terms of service are about expiring. Dr. Malloch, of Ottawa, accompanies the detachment as Medical Officer.

We understand that Major General Selby Smyth passed Fort Pelley some days ago. His progress so far has been pretty expeditious, and we expect soon to hear of his arrival at the Rocky Mountains.

The Canadian team are still attracting their share of attention at Wimbledon. The correspondent of the *Glasgow News*, writing on the 29th ult., says: "In the course of the afternoon the Duke of Cambridge visited the camp of the Canadians, where he met the Earl of Carnarvon and a large number of titled ladies and gentlemen. The Earl of Carnarvon expressed his pleasure at seeing the Canadians in camp, and the Duke of Cambridge, in saying a few words to them, praised their hardy appearance. In the evening there were festivities in all the camps, and the Duke and Duchess of Teak were announced to be dining at the Cottage with Lord and Lady Wharfedale."

The Dominion Medical Association began its sessions on the 4th at Halifax. There was a large attendance of delegates.

The damage done by the floods in Ohio, Indiana and adjoining States is set down at \$10,000,000. It would appear that the worst of the danger is past.

A Washington report says that Commander Parker, Chief Signal Officer of the United States Navy, has perfected a system of electric light to be used as signals by vessels at sea. It is very luminous, and emits stars at regular intervals.

The Ministry of Victoria, Australia, have resigned, in consequence of the opposition of Parliament to their budget.

A war has broken out between the Sioux and the Crow Indians on the Yellowstone river, Montana Territory, nine miles below the Big Horn U. S. The fighting continued three days. On the third day the Sioux crossed the river, and the Crows retreated. One Sioux was killed, and three Crows wounded. It is reported that the number of Sioux was from 1,200 to 1,500 warriors. The Crows had 300 lodges and the Nez Percés 60 lodges, with a small number of Gros Ventres.

A Chicago report says such a time for floods in the North West was never known as now. Streams in all directions are rising so as to sweep away bridges, railways, houses, crops and other property to the value of millions of dollars. The matter has become more serious every day in Memphis. The Mississippi is forty miles wide and is still rising; also much damage is being done by the floods.

Two members of the English Parliament have agreed to meet each other at Yokohama on the 29th of next September, at 2 p.m. One is to travel by the United States, and sail from San Francisco; the other is to go by way of the Isthmus of Suez and India. If either fails to keep the appointment, he is to pay the other £2,000.

England maintains an army of 200,000 men in India, of whom 128,516 are natives and 61,613 British, exclusive of officers.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the Ribbon of the Order of the Thistle on the Earl of Dalkeith, M. P.

An immense meeting in favour of amnesty for the Fenian convicts was held in Hyde Park on the 1st of August. It was estimated that 100,000 persons were gathered around the various speakers' stands. Mr. John O'Connor Power, member of Parliament for Mayo county, presided, and in his speech declared that the Fenian prisoners were entitled to approbation rather than censure. Mr. Biggar, member for Cavan county, and Messrs. Parnell and Mellon were also present. Resolutions of the usual character were carried by acclamation.

The French Assembly closed on the 4th for a recess until November 4th.

The annual banquet given by the Lord Mayor of London to Her Majesty's Ministers took place on the 4th inst. at the Mansion House, and was attended by the usual large and distinguished company. Mr. Disraeli, responding to the toast to the Government, declared the country was prosperous and the people contented. Alluding to foreign affairs he said peace prevailed, and in his opinion would continue to prevail. If the foreign relations of Great Britain were scrutinized he believed it would be found that they had been conducted with prudence and firmness. The Colonial Empire would be developed and consolidated. Its interests and sympathies ought to be assimilated with those of the mother country, and ultimately the colonies will prove a source, not of weakness, but of strength and splendor. In conclusion he repeated the opinion, which he once before declared here, that the people of Great Britain were better off than the nobility of other countries. The speech was received with enthusiastic cheers. Other members of the Cabinet spoke in a similar strain.

The *Faraday* picked up the Direct Cable on July 11th, but had to drop it on account of the roughness of the sea. A defect exist, but the officers of the *Faraday* deny that a break exists.

Hon. Christian Anderson, the great Danish poet and tale writer, is dead.

In spite of the efforts of the Prince of Montenegro to prevent it, several bodies of his subjects have crossed the Herzegovian to join the insurgents.

Belgrade, Aug. 1.—Prince Milan has gone to Vienna to confer with the Foreign Office in regard to the situation in Herzegovina. The Servians have opened subscriptions in aid of the insurrection, and much excitement prevails in the principality.

Count Andrassy, the Austrian Premier, who was on leave of absence, has returned to Vienna on account of the Herzegovinian complications. The *Vienna Presse* says it has reason to believe that Prince Milan's object in coming to this city is to sound the Government and ascertain whether Austria intends to preserve neutrality even if the insurrection is protracted; whether she will not recommend the Porte to redress the evils which have caused the present disturbances; and finally, whether she is inclined to support the demand which the Servian Government contemplates respecting the development of the independence of Servia. The *Presse* concludes that if the Austrian Government reply is not altogether in the negative it will be because Turkey is at fault for showing lack of energy at the beginning of the Herzegovian insurrection.