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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. Ira Morgan, Vice President of the Agricultural and Arts Association of the Province of Ontario, whose three years term of office as member of the Provincial Board, has just expired, was unanimously re-elected by the several counties that compose No. 2 Division, viz: North Renfrew, South Renfrew, North Lanark, South Lanark, Carleton, Russell, and the City of Ottawa. Mr. Morgan's return by acclamation is an acknowledgment that his past services were duly appreciated by his constituents.

On Friday last a deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce, headed by Major Walker, waited on the Premier and the Postmaster General for the purpose of having the free letter system extended to London, and also that mail bags be made up at New York for London direct, instead of through Hamilton, as at present. After some discussion the Premier promised that the free delivery of letters would be at once put into operation in London, and that if practicable the other request would also be granted.

The Montreal Victoria Rifles, annual ball came off on Thursday evening last, and was a very brilliant affair.

The question of reciprocal trade relations with Canada has been introduced into the Washington House of Representatives by the Hon. Elijah Ward, who has long been an advocate of a liberal fiscal policy on the part of the United States. Mr. Ward proposes in the resolution he has submitted:—"That Commissioners be appointed to negotiate with others on behalf of the Dominion of Canada, to ascertain on what basis a treaty of trade for the mutual benefit of the people of the United States and Canada can be arranged."

The death is announced of two veterans of 1812, resident at L'Islet, named A. C. Depra and F. Dessaint, one at the age of 80 and the other at 84, within a few hours of each other, and both were buried in the same grave.

Judge Watters of New Brunswick has been appointed to the Vice Admiralty Court.

Lord Napier has been appointed to the Governorship of Gibraltar, vice General Sir Fenwick Williams, C. B., who resigned on account of ill health.

The recumbent statue of Confederate Gen. Lee has been forwarded to Lexington, to be placed in the mausoleum being constructed for it.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria is about to visit the Duchy of Coburg, Germany. It is rumored that the visit has reference to the betrothal of the Princess Beatrice to a German Prince.

The Republicans of Maine have chosen Hon. J. G. Blaine as their candidate for President.

Vice Admiral Sir Astley Cooper Key, K. C. B., is likely to be nominated to the North America and West India station, vice Wellesley promoted, and the following changes are also announced:—Vice Admiral Sir G. F. A. Stadwell, K. C. B., F. R. S., is likely to relieve Vice Admiral Key as President of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. Captain Calme Seymour, at present Private Secretary to Mr. Ward Hunt, will, we have good reason for believing, be appointed to the command of the Monarch—and not to commission the Shah, as previously stated—in succession to Captain Arthur W. A. Hood, C. B., on that officer's promotion in a few days to flag-rank. Captain N. Bowden Smith, late flag captain to Rear Admiral Randolph, C. B., when in command of the Detached Squadron, has been selected for the appointment of flag captain to Vice Admiral Sir J. R. Drummond, K. C. B., commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, vice Codrington, who is to relieve Captain Calme Seymour as private secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty.

A rumor, to the effect that France was quietly organizing a squadron in the Mediterranean, is causing considerable excitement in Germany.

Authority has been granted the Federal Council of Germany, to purchase Knoll's Garden, in Berlin, as a site for the new Imperial Parliamentary buildings.

The salaries of the American Ministers to Great Britain, France, Germany, and Russia have been reduced from \$17,500 to \$14,000 each. The Ministers to other countries have also had their salaries reduced in about the same proportion.

At a war council summoned by the Prince of Montenegro, it was decided to summon all Montenegrins liable to duty, and to march into Herzegovina should the concentration of the Turkish forces reach such proportions as to carry into effect the reported plan of blockading Montenegro on that side.

The Russian telegraph agency reports that the Powers are very well satisfied with England's reply to the Austrian note. The points whereon England reserves judgment are considered unimportant.

The Admiralty have placed another old man-of-war at the disposal of Captain Bouchier, to replace the "Goliath" training ship recently burned. Fifteen of the five hundred boys on board at the time of the conflagration, are missing.

The Duke of Richmond, Conservative leader in the Lords, has been created the Duke of Gordon, his fourth Dukedom.

Livingstone's terrier dog is at Bombay. The animal travelled 1,500 miles on foot in Africa before it was twelve months old, and since, 15,000 miles by sea.

The present leaders of the insurgents are Montenegrans, and it is said they were appointed by their princes. A report is current that the railway officials in Croatia have received notice to prepare for the transportation of troops.

It is expected that the revenue of France this year will exceed £100,000,000 stg., and be nearly £4,000,000 in excess of the estimates.

The *Duchese Zeitung* reports that Hubmayer, the leader of the insurrection in the north west of Bosnia, has been murdered by a supposed agent of the Servian Government. Jubobratic and Hubmayer are both Austrians.

A Hungarian journal states that preparations are making at Eszak, a fortified town on the River Drave, for a garrison of 80,000 men.

A fight took place near Trebinje between the Turks and the Insurgents, the former had 450 killed and the latter 60. The wounded of both sides were taken to Rigusa for medical treatment.

News from Paris state that Turkey is preparing to concentrate a large army in Bulgaria next month.

The Carlists bombarded San Sebastian on Saturday, when a number of the inhabitants were killed.

There is very stormy weather at present around the British Isles. Such is the intensity of it that notwithstanding the network of telegraphy in operation, all communication is entirely destroyed.

A special from Rigusa confirms the report of the defeat of the Turks by the insurgents under Gen. Peko and gives the following particulars: "The Turks disbanded after the first attack without further resistance. The majority of the killed, who probably number over 300, fell during the fight. The balance of the survivors took refuge on the hill, where at last accounts they were surrounded by the whole insurgent army 3,000 strong; The victory of the latter is unquestionably complete and important."

Private advices received in New York from Havana to the 18th, report that a force, led Henry Reeves, 35,000 strong, has invaded Sazos County, and destroyed the sugar estates of Labrador, of Senor More, of San Francisco, of Senor Villa Dos Hermanas, of Senor Abren; and in Macurijes County those of Harmonio, of Senor Casanova, and Louisa and Senor Baro. These latter are valued at \$2,000,000 each. The town of Sagua, La Chica, at the mouth of the river of that name, where there were warehouses with 1,600 hogheads of Muscovada sugar, has been destroyed by fire and all the sugar consumed. The estate of Cayoe Expiro, of Senor Nugarica, is in possession of the rebels, and of course is destroyed.