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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Hon. Mr. Vail, the recently appointed Minister of Militia, was on the 22nd elected for Digby N. S., by the decisive majority of 300 votes.

The Earl of Dufferin was entertained at Delmonico's on Monday night the 19th inst. Conspicuous among the guests were Messrs. John Jacob Astor, A. T. Stewart, William Butler Duncan, August Belmont, Albert Rierdstaff, Major General Hancock, and Bishop Clark of Rhode Island.

Capt. Harry J. C. Italy, 2nd East Norfolk Militia, has been appointed extra aide de camp to his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, the appointment to date from the 12th inst.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, just returned from the Pacific Survey, has found a practicable route for the proposed road about seventy miles north of Lake Superior.

The steamship *Nova Scotian* has arrived at Quebec with three hundred and sixty six passengers, and general cargo for Quebec and Montreal.

The Brazilian Government declines to admit Canadian vessels permanently to the coasting trade of their country.

Three and a half million feet of lumber, valued at \$40,000, cleared from the Ottawa Custom House on the 20th.

An important case was decided at the Court of Assize in Ottawa, on Tuesday last. The suit was brought to settle the title of a lot on the By Estate, which was claimed by Mr. John Fitzsimmons, the property having been in the peaceful possession of this person for over twenty one years. After hearing the evidence in the case, the Court decided that John Fitzsimmons was the legal owner of the land. The property is valued as being worth \$50,000.

The Premier and Mrs. Mackenzie gave a dinner party on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst. Invitations were issued to the Commandant of the Forces, Major General Smyth, his aide de camp, Captain the Hon. Miles Stapleton, His Lordship Judge Wilson, Hon. D. Christie, Speaker of the Senate, Miss Grey, of Toronto, the Minister of Customs and Mrs. Burpee, the Postmaster General and Miss Macdonald, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of the Interior, the Receiver General, the Minister of Inland Revenue, the Secretary of State, the Deputy Adjutant General and Mrs. Powell, the Clerk of the House of Commons and Mrs. Patrick, the Premier's Secretary and Mrs. Buckingham.

Mr. R. S. M. Bouchette, ex Commissioner of Customs, was entertained to a farewell supper on Monday evening the 10th inst. at the residence of Mr. J. R. Audy, prior to his departure for Quebec. There were a great number of guests present, amongst whom were the following gentlemen. — Mon Messrs. Mackenzie, Burpee, Scott Fournier, Goffrin, Letellier de St. Just, Mr. J. M. Currier, M. P., Messrs W. A. Himsworth, Clerk of the Privy Council, R. Lemoine, Clerk of the Senate; G. W. Wicksteed, J. Johnson, Lieut. Colonel Joseph Aumond, H. V. Noel, D. S. Eastwood, Col Powell, Col. Chamberlin, Z. Wilson, and J. W. Peschy. Addresses were delivered by several gentlemen. The Hon. Mr. Burpee bestowed high and well merited compliments on Mr. Bouchette, for whose services as Deputy of his Department he expressed the highest regard. The evening was spent in the most pleasant and sociable manner, and, on parting, Mr. Bouchette was tendered the best wishes of all for his future happiness and welfare.

Intelligence has reached Quebec of the total loss on the Island of Anticosti of the ship *Shandon*, from Glasgow, with a general cargo for Quebec and Montreal. The captain and crew were saved.

An Associated Press despatch says. — It is stated that the British Charge d'Affairs at Washington, is awaiting a reply from the Home Government to a query by the American Government whether Labrador is to be considered a part of Newfoundland or Canada, with special reference to the importations of fish, as to whether that province is entitled to the benefits of the Washington Treaty.

A special to the London *Times* from India says Nana Sahib has been captured in Gwalior. He has been identified beyond a doubt by the Maharajah of Scind, and is now a prisoner in the Maharajah's Palace, and a political agent has taken his confession.

A terrible tornado passed over a large portion of the United Kingdom on the 21st, doing great damage to the crops, shipping, etc. Houses in many places were blown down, trees uprooted and telegraph poles prostrated. Owing to the general interruption of communication by telegraph, the full extent of damage cannot be ascertained. It is feared that serious loss of life has been occasioned by the tornado.

A despatch from Janeiro states that the rebels in Buenos Ayres have sustained a defeat and their commander has been taken prisoner. The Government offers a large reward for the capture of the rebel steamers. The *Morning Post* reports that Germany has definitely proposed to the powers the adoption of an international maritime code.

A special to the *Times* says Lunine prevails in the Russian provinces of Kherson and Bessarabia.

A Berlin despatch to the *Standard* says legal preliminaries in Count Von Arnim's case is almost completed. It is believed the Count will be released on bail in a few days.

Monsieur Montour, formerly private Chaplain of Napoleon III., died on the 21st. He has bequeathed 150,000 francs to the *Prince Imperial*, and the same amount to the Pope.

It is said that the Emperor granted an audience to Count Arnim Bertzberg. This signifies that a crisis has been arrived at in Von Arnim's affairs, and victory depends on whether Prince Bismark or Arnim's family possesses greater influence.

Mail advices from Mexico, state that Germany is intriguing to obtain a foothold on Mexican soil. A Colony of Germans are offering to loan money with conditions to obtain a colonial tract.

The trial of Von Arnim will begin early in December. Prince Bismark will be the principal witness for the prosecution.

A despatch from St. Petersburg, Oct. 24th, announces that a destructive fire was raging in Tiflis. The theatre and upwards of one hundred stores had been consumed when the telegram was sent.

The Republicans have captured an important strategical position at Cimita on the southern borders of the Province of Cuena. They intend to fortify the place and make it a basis of operations against Carlists in Cuena and Valencia.

The Turks in Montenegro continue their outrages on Christians. They have killed eight Montenegrins and some Serbian residents in the neighborhood of Radagotza, and burned a village. The Christians were compelled to flee to the mountains.

The London newspapers unite in demanding that exemplary vengeance be visited upon Nana Sahib.

The twin or double hull steamship *Castalia*, built to overcome the effects of the English Channel, and intended to ply between Dover and Calais, has made a trial trip from it to Calais. She proved to be a most comfortable boat neither rolling nor pitching.

The *Maggie* from Dundee for Ringaan was wrecked on the Hebrides during the late gale and twenty-four persons on board drowned.

The Representative Assembly proposed for Alsace and Lorraine will at first possess its deliberative character. Its functions will be to advise the Imperial Government on all subjects of local legislation and to examine the budget for Provinces.