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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Provincial Exhibition for Ontario closed on Friday Evening—and was universally admitted to be a grand success. The Western Exhibitors were delighted with the grounds, the amplitude of the accommodation and the ready access to the Exhibition grounds, by steamers and railway cars. The total receipts taken at the gates will amount to over \$11,500. On Friday evening the Council of the Agricultural and Arts' Association, were entertained at the Rideau Club by His Worship the Mayor and Messrs Hon. James Skead, Alonzo Wright, M. P., and J. M. Currier, M. P.

We understand that the Council of the Agricultural Association by an unanimous vote, awarded gold medals to "the Buckingham Plumbago Company, and to "the Ottawa Iron and Steel Company" for the magnificent display made by them of their respective minerals and the manufactured product thereof at the Exhibition. The award was a special one, the interests involved in the development of our vast mineral resources, in the opinions of the Council, warranting that body in suspending its ordinary rules.

Judge Ramsey in his charge to the Montreal Grand Jury, at the opening of the Court of Queen's Bench, on the 24th inst., condemned in strong terms the disgraceful conduct of the rioters at the City Hall and at the Catholic Cemetery, Montreal. He said they must be punished.

From Quebec we learn that the storm which began on Thursday night, the 16th inst., and continued unabated all the following day, has done considerable damage. A schooner and a barge laden with flour were sunk in the St. Charles. There has been much damage done in the timber coves. A raft of square timber and one of oak were broken up; also three rafts of saw logs at Montmorency. The damage done inland will be considerable. The weather is unusually cold, with rain, occasionally accompanied with snow. A ship is ashore at new Liverpool. The schooner Undaunted lost both anchors and was otherwise damaged. A tug towed her to safe quarters. The Norwegian bark Canada, loading at Indian Cove, broke from her moorings. A tug towed her to a safe anchorage. The ship Agamemnon broke adrift and grounded at the Priest's wharf; she was assisted off. The bark Wilhelmine is ashore at St. Nicholas full of water. The mountains to the north were white with snow.

The costs which the Fabrique of Montreal will have to pay in the Guibord legislation are estimated at \$20,000.

A team of Hamilton riflemen have gone to Creedmoor to shoot against the Amateur Rifle Club of New York, on Saturday, 25th.

The *Globe* says that the disadvantages suffered by the British in the Newfoundland fisheries, as compared with Frenchmen, have nowise abated the present season. The officers of the French cruisers, protecting French interests, have assumed a very high tone in asserting their rights thereabouts.

Burglars amused themselves on Saturday night by stealing muskets, ammunition and overcoats from the drill shed at Watford.

Two feet of snow fell at the Riviere du Loup, Que., on Friday and Saturday, 17th and 18th. Snow also fell on Mount Washington in New Hampshire.

Reports from Galveston, Texas, and other parts in the Gulf of Mexico continue to bring the most harrowing details of the dreadful loss of life and property by the recent tidal wave.

Persons who witnessed the Texas cyclone confirm the most sensational accounts of it. Out of three hundred houses only five are left standing. The water rose six feet in two hours and was driven by the wind at a velocity of fifteen miles an hour, sweeping everything in its way and covering the plain in rear of the place for ten miles with the debris. Other settlements with an aggregate population of 150 were swept out of existence, making the total loss of life at Indianola 450. A band of Mexicans commenced robbing the dead, but were driven off by the citizens of Galveston, who caught and killed five of them.

A despatch from Galveston states that a steamship has just arrived there, and reports the town of Indianola, Texas, almost entirely destroyed. Light-houses, wharves and nearly every house have been swept away, and one hundred to one hundred and fifty lives lost. The steamer could find no place to land her cargo.

The Creedmoor grounds were invaded on Saturday by the wives, daughters, and sisters of the sharpshooters. It was called the ladies' match, and every man who participated appeared with at least a dozen of the fair sex. Each marksman was supposed to shoot for one of his fair friends, the prizes being a \$75 sewing machine and a number of cigar cases, card stands, glove boxes, jewel cases, and so on. The sewing machine was won by General Dakin, for his wife.

Baby's ship yard, at Quebec, was destroyed by fire on the 18th inst.

A large quantity of war supplies has been successfully landed in Cuba by friends of the insurgents.

Reinforcements to the number of 13,000 will go to Cuba by the 15th of November next.

The Board of Naval Officers, consisting of Rear Admiral John Rodgers, Commodore James M. Spotts, and Capt. Paul Shirley, appointed by the Secretary of the United States Navy to inquire into the circumstances attending the loss of the United States steamer Saranac in Seymour Narrows, on the Pacific coast, having completed the investigation, report to the Secretary that no further proceedings are necessary, the loss of the vessel being entirely accidental.

Admiral Wellesey and the officers of the British fleet were entertained at a ball at Providence, Rhode Island.

A despatch from the Red Cloud agency says it is probable now that the Indian Commission will award the price and terms asked by the Indians for the Black Hills instead of proposing a price.

Emigration is diminishing from Scotland as well as from England and Ireland. In the seven months ending the 31st ult. the number of emigrants who set sail from the ports on the Clyde was 12,259, as against 17,500 in the same period of 1874. The falling off is mainly in the Canadian and United States traffic, the sailings to New Zealand and Australia being very similar to those of last year.

A good authority states in the *London Times* that Britain will require to import 11,000,000, quarters of wheat.

Among the latest arrivals at the Brighton Aquarium are a large quantity of valuable anemones, taken from the sides of the Great Eastern steamship.

Subscriptions for Capt. Webb, the Englishman who lately swam across the channel from Dover to Calais, are pouring in from all parts of England. It is expected that at least \$25,000 will be raised.

Sir John Arnott has placed the sum of \$100,000 in the hands of five trustees to be used for the benefit of Protestant and Catholic charities in the city of Cork.

Queen Victoria has given her name and patronage to the Church of England Temperance Society, and advised the Society that she did so expressly only because it is a temperance and not total abstinence society.

A Paris special of the 24th says that the Prince Imperial is to make a tour round the world, ostensibly for his health, but it is believed in reality for political reasons.