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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Lieut.-Col. McKinlay, of Halifax, has been chosen commandant of the Canadian Wimbledon Team of 1875.

Bernard Smith, an old veteran loyalist of 1812, died at Consecqn on the 3rd, after a protracted illness, aged 87 years. He served under Col. Drummond, and was wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane.

The flag of the St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, was hoisted half-mast on the 10th inst., out of respect for the memory of the late Bishop Richardson.

Mr. Bunster, M. P., has announced his intention of exhibiting a sample barrel of British Columbian flour at the Provincial Exhibition to be held in Ottawa next fall.

The Parliamentary Library at Ottawa, contains upwards of 75,000 volumes, and space is being supplied for more. Valuable donations of books continue to be received from foreign public libraries.

The Minister of Justice has fixed the annual salary of the chief justice and judges of the Dominion Superior Court at—Chief Justice, \$7,000; Puisne Judges, \$6,000. The salaries shall be paid and payable out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada after paying and reserving sufficient to pay all such sums as have been heretofore charged thereon, but in preference to all payments which may be hereafter charged.

Mr. Bunster intends to move the House into Committee on a bill for compulsory voting and vote by ballot in the House of Commons.

It is understood that the contract for the Shebandowan Branch of the Canada Pacific Railway has been awarded. The lowest tender was that of George Taylor & Co., of Orillia, to whom the contract was awarded, at a price of something like £430,000.

A friend in St. Catharines has sent us the following item of news:—"The regular half yearly inspection of the arms, accoutrements, clothing and other military stores belonging to the St. G. Artillery, St. Catharines Troop of Cavalry, and the headquarters companies of the 19th Batt., took place on Wednesday evening. Lieut. Col. H. V. Villiers, Brigade Major, made a thorough and minute inspection, and expressed himself well pleased with the state of the stores. The officers commanding the companies were at the drill shed in uniform to meet the inspecting officer. Major General Symthe is expected here in a few days to see for himself the state of the militia stores. It is to be hoped that our Volunteers will soon begin drill again and retain the position in the force they have held so long."

At the forthcoming International Exhibition at Philadelphia Canada has been assigned 27,000 square feet, immediately in rear of Great Britain, whose manufactures occupy the east transept. Mr. Frazer, the Secretary of the Ontario Industrial Association, a few days ago received a letter from Mr. A. T. Goshorn, stating that the full cost of the Exhibition—namely, \$10,000,000—had been paid into bank.

We have been informed, says the Toronto Tribune, that it is in contemplation to organize a Pilgrimage to visit the holy shrines of Ireland, during the coming summer. Our pious and patriotic Archbishop has informed us that the Pilgrimage shall have his sanction and blessing, and he has appointed Father Conway, the good Pastor of St. Paul's, as chaplain.

By an Indult lately received from Rome by His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, fish meat is allowed on next Saturday, and also on Palm Sunday, and on the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of Holy Week.

At a meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce held at Westminster Palace Hotel, London, on the 25th ult., it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Whitwell, M.P., that it was desirable to make county courts of first instance in all commercial cases, honorary commercial judges to be appointed. It was further resolved that it was desirable to renew the application to the Government to appoint a Minister of Commerce, who should have a seat in the Cabinet. It will be remembered that this latter question was under consideration by the Dominion Board of Trade also at the last annual meeting in Ottawa.

An explosion of fire damp occurred in Baltimore shaft, No. 3, on the night of the 9th inst. Two hundred men were seriously hurt.

Advices from Buenos Ayres state that disturbances occurred in that city, during which the palace of the Catholic Archbishop was sacked and the houses of Jesuits set on fire.

The Times' Berlin correspondent telegraphs that Germany has asked Italy whether she will continue to exempt the Pope from the obligations of the law, and claims that he is now abusing the liberty given him for the purpose of fomenting a rebellion in Germany.

A magnificent marble statue of St. John at the age of fourteen years, supposed to be the work of Michael Angelo, was recently exhumed near Pisa.

Vulmaseda, the new Captain General of Cuba, arrived at Havana, on the 8th inst. He landed at noon, and was received with the usual ceremonies. A re-inforcement of 1,000 soldiers also arrived from Spain.

The Parliamentary election in Tipperary passed off quietly. About a third of the constituency, including the Roman Catholic clergy and leading statesmen, abstained from taking part in the election. Mr. Moore, the Conservative candidate, had posted bills at all points stating that Mitchell was ineligible, and that votes cast for him would be void. The counting is not yet completed, but it is estimated that Mitchell has a majority of 1,000.

A special despatch about John Mitchell says the real question is whether Mitchell is a citizen of the United States. He cannot sit in Parliament, being a convicted felon, and as a citizen of another country he certainly cannot hold his seat.

The London Globe of the 25th ult., says:—"At a meeting of the committee for preserving the jurisdiction of the House of Lords as a Court of Final Appeal for the United Kingdom, held on the evening of the 24th, at 16 St. James' place, the Right Hon. J. Stuart Wortley, Q. C., in the chair, an important communication was read from the Lord Chancellor, in pursuance of which the memorial of 450 of the leading members of the bar of England will be forwarded to his lordship."

A despatch received at London, England, on the 8th inst. says that many women and children were drowned by the wreck of the steamship *Gottenburg* in Bass' Strait, between Australia and Van Dieman's Land.

It is officially announced that a new Ministry has been formed as follows:—Buffet, Minister of the Interior; M. Dufaure, Minister of Justice; M. Leon Say, Minister of Finance; M. Walton, Minister of Instruction, Vicomte de Meaux, of the Right, Minister of Agriculture; Duke de Cazeh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, General De Cissey, Minister of War; Admiral de Montaignac, Minister of Marine; and M. Calliax, Minister of Public Works.

The *Courier de France* reports that Dufaure has drawn up a programme of policy for the new Ministry, the leading features of which are as follows: The Assembly on meeting after the Easter holidays to vote on the Budget. Senatorial elections to be held next September, dissolution of Assembly to follow in October. The Government to demand maintenance of the present electoral system and to raise the state of seige in all departments, except the Seine, Reponne, and Durhono.

Rumors of a contemplated *coup d'etat* by the Bonapartists are in circulation in Paris, and cause some uneasiness.

Prince-Napoleon, who was made a general of division by the late Emperor, is to be struck out of the French army list.