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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

His Excellency the Governor General, the Countess Dufferin and suite, Lieut. General O'Grady Haley and Staff, and Sir G. Bowen, arrived at Ottawa on Saturday last. His Excellency was met at the Railway Station by the Mayor and Corporation who presented him with a congratulatory address on his return to the Capital. Quite a large number of the citizens were present, and manifested their joy in unmistakable terms on the safe return of His Excellency and Lady Dufferin. A guard of honor and the band of the Governor General's Foot Guards, were at the station to receive the Viceregal party and escort them to their residence Rideau Hall. We are happy to say that Lord and Lady Dufferin look well after their trip to the land of their nativity.

Lieutenant Colonel the Hon. Edward George Percy Littleton, of the Grenadier Guards, eldest son of Lord Hatherton, has been appointed Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General.

Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, accompanied by Major Hewitt, commandant of the Military College, visited Kingston last week, and made a minute inspection of the College building at Fort Frederick. He also inspected the Market Battery grounds, a plot of ground in front of the City Hall, which is wanted by the Pembroke Railway for a passenger station. After inspecting the ground in the company of the Mayor and others, the Premier said he would consider their requests, but would at present make no definite promises. He, however, thought the matter might be arranged so as to suit both parties. Subsequently Mr. Mackenzie was entertained at luncheon in the British American Hotel by the Mayor and Corporation. His Worship the Mayor occupied the chair, having the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie on his right and Mr. John Carruthers on his left. Mr. ex-Mayor Drennan occupied the vice chair, having Major Hewitt, the Commandant of the Military School, on his right, and the Mayor of Winnipeg on his left.

We are pleased to learn that the Hon. Mr. Geoffrion, is considered quite out of danger and is steadily progressing towards convalescence.

Col. Bernard, Deputy Minister of Justice, received on the 21st inst., from Assistant Commissioner McLeod a telegram *via* Helena, to the effect that the escort of the North West Mounted Police, who were with General Selby Smyth, had returned back to Fort McLeod on the 5th instant, and that they reported that General Smyth left Joseph's Prairie on the 27th September, and expected to reach Vancouver between the 16th and 20th October.

Three Dominion flags and one Union Jack, shipped per steamship *Manitoba* arrived in Ottawa on the 19th. They are for use at Rideau Hall, and were manufactured by Messrs Dr McNece & Sons, of Glasgow.

There seems to be some misapprehension as to the amount which should be put upon newspapers when mailed by private parties. Some continue to put two cent stamps upon papers, which, it will be seen by the 23rd clause of the Postal Act, is a waste of money. The 23rd clause of the law provides that "newspapers and periodicals weighing less than one ounce each, may be posted singly at a postage rate of *half a cent each*, which must be in all cases prepaid by postage stamps affixed to each."

Fuller's Line of the Canada Pacific telegraph was completed, fifteen miles west of Battle River on October 10. This makes a continuous telegraph communication 500 miles west of Fort Garry.

Very careful observations made by the United States Lake Survey officers, with the hydrometer, shows that the volume of water passing down the St. Lawrence River greatly exceeds that passing down Detroit River. As there are no large streams entering the lakes between the mouth of the Detroit River and the head of the St. Lawrence it is a very interesting problem as to where this surplus of water comes from.

Panama dates, to Oct. 9, states that the Indians surprised and attacked the Canelo gatherers, or Chugunque, in Darien, killing over fifty and dispersing the entire camp some 800. This is a death blow to the rubber gathering in Darien, and cuts off the Isthmus supply to the market. Panama will suffer heavily.

Proposals for a new Canadian loan have just been issued. It is for two and a half millions sterling. Three fifths of this sum are guaranteed by the Imperial Government; the other two fifths are issued on the credit of Canada alone. The rate of interest of both is four per cent. The scheme has been favourably received.

A magnificent score with the Rifle, was made on the 22nd inst., on the Riverside Range at Sayne, Pa., Capt. R. C. Coleman of the American Rifle Team made in eight shots, 39 out of a possible 40, at the 1,000 yards range.

The *Jewish World* says that 200 dwellings, a synagogue, and five schools in the town of Windy, Russian Poland, have been burned. Some persons perished, and 3,000 are homeless.

The negotiations between Mr. Wade, the British Minister, and the Chinese Government, are progressing satisfactorily. The *Pekin Gazette* publishes an edict referring to

the murder of Margary, and declaring the right of foreigners to travel in the interior, and requiring Chinese officials to take cognizance of the treaties.

It is reported that during the stay of the "Bellerophon" at Newport, R. I., fifty five men, including four bandsmen, deserted.

Cleopatra's Needle, which is shortly to be transported to England, is a fine monolith of red granite, 64 feet in length and 7 feet in diameter. Its weight has been variously estimated, but the maximum given is 284 tons. It now lies prostrate and parallel to the sea, on a sandy bank fifteen feet high. The hieroglyphics are in good preservation and record that the obelisk was erected at On (Heliopolis, near Cairo,) by Thothmes II., about 1,500 years B. C., during whose reign Egypt is recorded to have "placed its frontier where it pleased." The lateral inscriptions recorded the names and titles of Ramesses II, known to the Greeks under the name of Sesostris, and relate how he had conquered all the nations of the world. It is worthy of note, too, that the Israelites were in Egypt at the time of the construction of the monument.

The *London Echo* says that a large portion of the bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on the 20th, will be sent to Canada.

A telegram has been received from Valparaiso announcing that a terrible fire has taken place at Iquique, Peru. Three quarters of that town are said to have been destroyed.

Later and fuller accounts of the recent disastrous floods and gales on the British Coast are to hand. The brigs *John* and *Isabella* were totally lost near Stonehaven, on the Scottish coast, the crew numbering twelve, perished. Two large vessels have been lost off Peter Head in the same vicinity, with all on board. This makes five vessels which have gone down with their crews in a distance of forty miles, which have been reported within the last two days.

Advices from Peking state that Mr. Wade, British Minister insists, as a future basis of negotiations, upon the better observance by the Chinese of treaty obligations, especially in regard to the arbitrary restriction of trade imposed by the Chinese Government.

The fourth centenary of the battle of Morat, in which Charles the bold lost his life, is to be celebrated on the 22nd of June, next year. A circular has been sent out from Berne to the Swiss Cantons, and the Alsatian and Suabian towns which took part in the engagement. A procession is to revive the costumes and arms of the period, displaying one field of battle itself the banners of the towns, districts, abbeys, and corporations which put the Temeraire to flight.