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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

We are glad to learn that Lt. Colonel TUNNELL, of the Quebec Hussars, who has been in England for the past six months, and who was attached to the Hussar Brigade at Aldershot during the late Autumnal Manœuvres of the British Army, has, on his return to Canada, been named a corresponding member of the "Royal United Service Institution." We congratulate the Institution in having secured so able a correspondent. The gallant Colonel returned by the last steamer to Portland.

At a recent meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association arrangements were made for the proper representation of the Province at the coming rifle matches in the United States.

The death is announced from Quebec of an old English army veteran named William Cross at the ripe age of 98 years. He enlisted in the 8th King's Own Regiment, and fought at Copenhagen in 1801 and Queens town Heights, Ontario, in 1812, having marched all the way from Halifax in that year. He has drawn a pension from the British Government for the last fifty years.

A proposition is before the Nova Scotia Legislature to remove the royalty of ten cents per ton on coal, and to ask the Federal Government to grant to the Province a bounty equal to the loss of revenue thereby.

Jefferson Davis leaves for England next month with Mr. Turnbull, publisher, of Baltimore, Maryland, to copyright his history of the late civil war.

After the present year British mails for America will be despatched by vessels whose efficiency is proved, the compensation to be determined by the weight of matter carried. No contract with any particular line will be made.

The *Voz de Cuba* gives the following account of the incendiary raid in the Colon District reported in a previous despatch:

On the morning of the 16th a party of fifteen insurgents appeared in the neighborhood of Colon. After setting fire to two small farms, they burned the San José and Santa Susana plantations. They next tried to destroy the Tiguaro plantation, but were driven off by the owner. Richard Patten, an Englishman, he fired on the insurgents, wounding several, and they fled precipitately.

The Dublin members of the Irish Rifle Association have unanimously voted to accept the invitation of the National Rifle Association of America to compete for the championship of the world; they have also agreed

to challenge the Americans, through the Amateur Rifle Club, New York, to shoot a return match at Creedmoor in September, after the Centennial match, on the same terms as the Ballymount match.

A despatch received from Rio Grande City states that news had been received there of a battle at Oaxaca, in Mexico, in which the Government forces were defeated with a loss of 1,500 men and all their artillery and wagons. No further particulars were to hand. The news comes over the Mexican Government wires to Comeragon and may be considered reliable. The revolution in this section progresses slowly.

A New York despatch states that incoming vessels report stormy and dangerous passages on their last trips. The steamer State of Virginia lost three hands and was much damaged.

An interesting discussion seems to have taken place in the Spanish Cortes on the address in reply to the opening speech. Reference having been made to the *coup d'état* of 1874, Senor Castellar, who had been charged with acquiescence in that step utterly repudiated the charge, and said that Prim deserved to be shot.

The Circassian is reported to have had a rough time of it. She lost five boats, four top-gallant masts, besides sustaining other damage.

A *Times* Paris telegram says it is stated that the amnesty proposal only obtained the adhesion of eight Senators and twenty seven Deputies. Of 360 Provincial papers only three approve of unqualified amnesty.

During the three years naval command of Captain the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duchess will reside a considerable portion of each year in Russia.

A fleet of four hundred wind-bound vessels left the River Mersey on Monday, 20th. The sight was most magnificent one, as the vessels formed a procession, sometimes ten abreast. They were two hours passing a given point.

The arrangements for the defence of Malta are said to be so complete that, if occasion required, every ship of war could be withdrawn from the station with perfect safety.

The death is announced of Mr. John Thomas Perceval, one of the younger sons of the Right Hon Spencer Perceval, who was assassinated by Bellamy, in the lobby of the House of Commons, in May, 1812.

The Austrian frontier authorities have found upon the Garibaldians recently arrested a letter from Garibaldi to Prince Nikita, of Montenegro, urging him to enter into an alliance on behalf of the Herzoginians.

Land and Water publishes the balance-sheet of the Captain Webb Testimonial Fund, which it started last year. The total amount received £2,424 4s. 11d. Several other sums have been presented to Captain Webb from various quarters. In Shropshire between £500 and £800 has been collected, which Webb has handed over to his father, who has been in ill-health for some time.

All the lines in Scotland north of the Tay are blocked up with snow, dozens of trains being detained on the Caledonian and Northern railways and the telegraph wires completely buried.

The King of Ashantee has paid another instalment of 500 ounces of gold in account of the indemnity. The money was not paid at the promised time, and a fine was imposed. The gold was found to be adulterated, and orders were sent by the Governor to have it replaced by good gold within five days.

The demand for Dr. Norman McLeod's Memoir was so large that the first edition of 3,000 was bought up long before the binders were able to turn them out, and already the publishers have in their hands orders for the larger part of another edition. Her Majesty the Queen, after a perusal of an early copy, ordered one for each of her children.

A telegram from Naples reports that the long expected eruption of Mount Vesuvius commenced on Friday night, the 17th. Lava is flowing towards Pompeii. A large column of vapour rises from the summit and reflects the fire beneath. Vast quantities of lava are thrown upward. The sight is magnificent.

In the House of Lords on Monday night the 20th the Earl of Carnarvon, the Colonial Secretary, announced that the negotiations with France for the cession of Gambia to England were at an end, because the French Government objected to ceding full control of the sea board which England considered indispensable.

A surgeon in the service of the Porte estimates the Turkish losses in Herzegovina at thirty five thousand men, mostly from maladies and want of proper sustenance and remedies.

A Vienna despatch to the *Daily News* says the Austrian customs authorities have been instructed to confiscate all arms for Serbia and Montenegro. The delivery of 25,000 rifles furnished by Vienna firms has been already stopped.

Heavy snow storms are reported by telegraph from all parts of Europe.

The Italian Government has ordered the Vatican University to be closed, as it does not comply with the laws of the State.