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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

As we are happily free from the plague of Presidential or other unnecessary elections in Canada, we can turn our attention to more pleasing matters.

General Orders of the 31st October contained an appropriate and well merited compliment to the President of the Dominion Rifle Association, and the Canadians army may feel proud of the accession of Lieut. Col. Gzowski to its ranks.

The following correspondence will be read with interest.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.
Ottawa, Oct. 30, 1872.

Sir.—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to forward to you a copy of a letter from Sir B. Frere of the India Office, enclosing a letter from His Highness the Raja of Kolapoor, containing an expression of His Highness's gratification on receiving intelligence that the challenge cup presented by him for Competition at the National Rifle Association Meeting at Wimbledon, had been won by volunteers from the Dominion of Canada. I have to request that you will take the necessary steps to inform the members of the Dominion Rifle Association of the contents of His Highness's letter, and at the same time to express how much pleasure it affords His Excellency the Governor General to be the means of forwarding a communication arising from a circumstance which reflects so great credit on the Volunteers of the Dominion.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
(Signed,) H. C. FLETCHER,
Governor's Secretary.

C. S. GZOWSKI, Esq.,
President,
Dominion Rifle Association.
(COPY.)

INDIA OFFICE,
London, Oct. 11th, 1872.

My Lord.—I have been requested by Col. George Sligo Anderson, the Resident at the Court of His Highness the Raja of Kolapoor, to forward to your Excellency the accompanying letter from the Raja expressing His Highness's gratification at the prize for rifle shooting which was given by the late Raja, having been won by the Canadian competitors at Wimbledon.

I have &c.
(Signed,) H. W. FRERE,
His Excellency, The Right Honourable EARL DUFFERIN, K. P.

he Raja's letter which follows, though somewhat novel, is valuable as expressive of goodwill and friendship towards the British Empire. It reads thus:

(COPY.)

(TRANSLATED SUBSTANCE OF A KHUREETOR.)

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Dufferin, K. P. Governor General of Canada.

From Shreevan Maharaj Sri va Chulraputtee Sahib Sirkir Kurteer.

After compliments—When my father the late Raja Chulraputtee Maharaj, was in England, he from a feeling of friendship for the English nation, and to encourage the practice of rifle shooting, established a prize to be annually contended for at Wimbledon. I have heard that the prize thus established was this year won by the Canadians, and therefore address your Lordship to express the satisfaction felt by the Highnesses the Ranees and myself, that the name of My father, which is so well known in India and in England, should in this way be known in Her Majesty the Queen's transatlantic possessions, and beg your Excellency to convey our congratulations to the successful marksmen. I trust that your Excellency will by frequent correspondence keep up friendship between us.

Chunab Rajah's, corresponding with 13th September, 1872.

The Raja's Challenge Cup, herein referred to, and the Cup prize, used by the Merchants of London England, to the team are now in Mr. Gzowski's possession. After they have been exhibited in the principal cities of Great Britain it is intended to exhibit them in the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The two cups constituting the Raja's prize are quaint productions of Hindoo character. They are of silver gilt, with heavy chains attached of solid gold. In reality they are vases, with a convex shield pattern all over them, and just below the necks are highly conventionalized lions heads. To these are attached solid gold balls and the heavy chain just mentioned. They are sixteen inches high. The Merchants' Prize is something truly beautiful in design and workmanship. It is a cup with heavy silver chains.

The base is in the shape of a shield, and is decorated with the heads of lions and moose, emblems of England and Northern America. The cup is ornamented on its sides with silver, representing a modern rifle contest at Wimbledon, and an ancient archery meeting in the woods. The two are separated by the royal arms, and those of the city of London, beautifully executed in enamel. At the li

is a band, ornamented with maple leaves and beaver, broken on two sides with crossed rifles and the paraphernalia of a rifleman. The cover is curved and terminates in a final full four inches high, of oak leaves with an acorn at the apex. The whole wrought in silver and silver gilt.

Party M of the Canadian Pacific Railway survey in charge of E. W. Davis, Esq., C.E., reached Fort Garry on the 15th Oct., all well after an arduous summer's campaign in the woods east of Fort Garry. Their labors have resulted in the discovery of a practicable route of 104 miles between Eagle and Sturgeon Lakes. It is understood they will remain at Fort Garry for the present.

From Great Britain we learn that the municipal elections through out England, have resulted in heavy Conservative gains, which are attributed to the passage by Parliament and the enforcement of the Licensing Act. Much dissatisfaction was expressed at the working of the new Ballot Act. At some of the polling places the process of voting was so slow that many persons were unable to cast their ballot before the hour arrived for closing the polls.

Thomas Hughes has issued an address to his constituents of Frome, informing them that he will not stand as a candidate at the next election for member of Parliament.

Low and Gladstone oppose the raising of the money to meet the American claims by a loan. It is probable that exchequer bonds will be issued as a compromise for part of the fifteen millions, so as to spread the payment over a considerable period.

The Hon. Sir Samuel Martin, puisne Baron of the Court of Exchequer, will probably succeed the Right Hon. Lord Penzance as Judge of the Court of Probate and Divorce.

The Daily News and Telegraph are jubilant over General Grants re election to the Presidency of the United States, and hope he will take care of Cuba and Mexico. Those organs of English democracy forget that one belongs to Spain, and in the other the people choose to govern themselves. Although the Republican party in the States are responsible for revolutions in Cuba and anarchy in Mexico, as well as the murder of Maximilian, it is those that have yet to be atoned for.

The Express of London, has reported that a small steamer, worth £10,000, the decoration of which was the work of the British Cross.

A report on board the British steamer, the Sparrow, reports that Lieut. Moore of the 1st Grenadier Battalion of that vessel, on the 5th ult., performed the feat of swimming across the Hellespont, from Abydos to Seatos.