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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The annual meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held in Montreal, on the 4th inst. Lieut. Col. Brydges was elected President for another year, and Lieut. Col. Fletcher and Major Fraser were re-elected to their respective offices of secretary and treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read, detailing the operations of the past year; expenses have been materially curtailed, but the prize list has been maintained at the handsome figure of over \$2,300 in cash, thereby attracting many competitors. The annual matches for the present year are fixed for Tuesday, 15th August, and following days. The prospects for good practice are promising this year, and the new regiments will add to the number of competitors. Four members of this Association expect to go to Wimbledon in June.

Application had been made to the Militia Department by Lieut. Col. Fletcher, for permission to have a field day of the Montreal City Troops on the Queen's Birth day—24th May—which has been granted; and the Deputy Adjutant General has accordingly issued a General Order, ordering the civic corps to parade on that day. The commanding officers will meet Lieut. Col. Fletcher next Wednesday to make the necessary arrangements.

The Challenge of the 49th Regiment (Hastings) Rifle Club, of Belleville, Ont., to the 48th Regiment (Oswego, U.S.), to send a team of six to Belleville on the 24th inst., to compete with a team from the first named regiment, has been accepted.

The Hon. Ebenezer Perry of Cobourg is dead. The deceased gentleman was in his place in the Senate during the recent sittings of the Dominion Parliament and was in his usual good health. He was born in the Township of Ernestown in 1788, and was therefore 88 years of age.

Many of the citizens of Ottawa will regret to hear of the death of Capt. Selater, Port Warden of Montreal, and brother-in-law of our esteemed fellow townsman Dr. Grant. The deceased gentleman died at noon on Thursday last; and out of respect to him all the vessels in the port of Montreal, flew their flags half mast high from the time of his death till he was buried.

Liverpool is to be supplied with water from Lake Windermere. The estimate of cost varies from £2,000,000 for a daily supply of ten million gallons, to £4,500,000 for forty millions.

It is said that there is not a seaport town in Europe from which a vessel has not already sailed, or is not getting ready to sail, for Philadelphia, freighted with goods for exhibition at the Centennial.

The Governor of Great Britain's latest acquisition, the Fiji Islands, Sir Arthur Gordon, would seem to be a very different kind of man from the ordinary officer holder or salary grabber. Owing to the revenue having fallen short of previous estimates Sir Arthur, although entitled to his salary of £5,000 a-year, accepts only £3,000.

The Press Association reports the following:—"We understand that in consequence of dissatisfaction caused by the proclamation giving effect to the royal titles bill and which does not limit the use of the title of Empress strictly to India, Sir Henry James will give notice in the House to-morrow, that he will move a resolution equivalent to a vote of censure to the effect that the proclamation does not fulfil the pledges made by the Government during the debate on the Royal Titles bill, and therefore the vote on the bill was taken under a misconception. Marquis of Harrington will ask Disraeli for an opportunity to discuss the above motion.

The statue of Doctor Livingstone, which is to be erected in Edinburgh, has just been cast at Chelsea, England. It represents Doctor Livingstone as standing with a Bible in one hand and an axe in the other.

In the Spanish Congress on the 3rd inst., the debate on the new Constitution was continued. Senor Alvarez opposed the religion toleration clause, and declared the Monarchy was lost if religion was not maintained. Prime Minister Canovas Del Castillo, in reply, pointed out that Spain possessed colonies in America, Africa and Asia, and relations with the whole world. It would be impossible for her to keep these colonies and maintain these relations, if the Government adopted an irreconcilable Ultramontane attitude. Congress has, by a vote of 226 to 39, rejected the amendments proposed by Maderadoes against the religious toleration clause of the Constitution.

A despatch to the *Times* from Calcutta says the troops sent to escort the Grosvenor Mission have arrived at Bhamo, and will march thence to Manwyne where the Chinese escort stops. Col. Duncan, Political Agent at Mandalay, accompanied the troops. The Mission is said to be a great success.

Garibaldi receives visitors in an arm chair. He is supported by pillows, and is incapable of moving without crutches. The fingers of both hands are stiffened into utter rigidity, with the exception of the thumbs. His face, however, bears the hue of health, and his mind remains as vigorous as ever.

The abrogation of the extradition clauses of the Ashburton Treaty promises to be a lively subject of discussion in the Imperial House of Commons. Several notices of questions have already been given.

Affairs on the Punjab frontier look less favorable than last week. Two Afreedi clans have sent away their families to places of safety, proclaimed war and made several raids, in which they attacked a village five miles from Peshawer, and carried away 120 head of cattle. Other mountain tribes are said to have joined them. A strong force will be sent from Peshawer. Owing to a recent blockade the tribes are short of provisions, but are apparently determined to fight, and unless strong and speedy measures are taken the affair may give much trouble.

The King of Dahomey has been taken at his word by the British authorities, and will find the consequences rather embarrassing, as less important people sometimes do when they unexpectedly find that their jeers and sarcasm are acted upon in earnest. Being fined for maltreating a British subject, this barbarian king invited Commodore Hewitt to come to his capital and receive the fine in powder and bullets, which the Commodore appears disposed to do, as a fleet has been ordered to assemble, and active proceedings will be taken if the amount of the fine is not forthcoming.

The *Times*' Berlin despatch says the Austrian Government has forbidden the transmission of telegrams concerning the concentration of troops in Croatia and Dalmatia. The Russian telegraphic agency reports that Nicsic has been re-activated for only three weeks. The insurgents prevented Mukhtar, Pasha, from the completion of the work of throwing provisions into the town.

The custom of drinking wine instead of liquor is a great economic benefit to France. The harvest of 1874 produced 1,386,000,000 gallons of wine, of which four-fifths were consumed in the country. This enormous yield was valued at \$650,000,000, or more than the united wheat and cotton crops of the United States.

Four of the crew of the ship *Lennie*, charged with mutiny and murder on the high seas, have been convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

A miserable little squabble is reported from Samoa. It may be summed up in twenty words. The natives were insolent. American residents backed them up, and got into trouble; bombardment; hotberation; bombast.

Mr. Lowe made a full and comprehensive apology for the statement in his speech at the Liberal meeting at Retford, that the Queen asked two previous Premiers to introduce a bill changing the Royal Titles.

A large proportion of the members of the Spanish Cortes shirked the vote on the religious toleration question, or at least were absent when the division was called.