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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Quebec Legislature met on the 4th inst., and elected the Hon. Pierre Fortin, of Gaspé, Speaker. The following day the Lieutenant Governor opened the House. He congratulated the Province on the peace and good order which prevailed during the elections. He regretted that the Province had not escaped the effect of the financial crisis and expressed gratitude for the abundant harvest. Owing to the failure of the North Shore and N. C. and W. R. R. Cos. to carry out their undertakings, the Government had taken steps to complete them. A measure having that end in view would be submitted. An Act to modify the Administration of the Department of Public Instruction and render its working more efficacious would be introduced. The plan adopted last session to facilitate the settlement of the Public Lands in the Province had been crowned with success. In spite of the financial crisis the finances of the Province were in a satisfactory state. The speech concludes with the usual prayer for the happiness and prosperity of the people.

The annual inspection of the Governor General's Foot Guards, took place at the drill shed, on Thursday night, the 4th inst. The Hon. W. B. Vail, Minister of Militia and Defence, Adjutant General Powell, Lt. Col. MacPherson, and other officers of the Militia Staff at Headquarters, were present. After Colonel Ross had put his men through a variety of movements, which were performed with a precision and regularity worthy of regular Soldiers, the Minister of Militia presented Captain Todd with the medal won at the recent Dominion Rifle competition, for the highest aggregate score. He then congratulated the men on their appearance and general military bearing, and thought the corps was second to none in the Dominion. He said they would have to look after their laurels, however, as a battalion was now forming in Montreal, in which there was to be one company of Highlanders, most of whom had done signal service in the regular army. He regretted to find such a miserable drill shed in the capital, and thought it was neither a credit to the Militia Department nor to the municipal authorities. He said if the local authorities would assist the Government they would be ready and willing to do their share in constructing a suitable building. He said the Active Militia throughout Canada, was increasing in both efficiency and numbers, and were a credit to the Dominion. The Adjutant General, also congratulated the men on their fine appearance, and after the

departure of the Staff officers, Colonel Ross, addressed a few words to the officers and men of the regiment, stating that he was proud of the turn-out and general appearance the battalion had made.

Major Cameron who has been at the capital for some time completing the business for the British North America Boundary Commission, having finished his labors in that connection, left by the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway on Friday afternoon en route for England. The major will, on returning home join his artillery regiment at Woolwich.

The *St. John Telegraph* of the 4th inst., has the following relative to the Fishery Commission:—"The Minister of Marine and Fisheries arrived here yesterday morning, also Mr. Weatherbee, of Halifax, and Mr. Davis, of Charlottetown, who are council in this case. Mr. Thompson, of St. John, is at Bathurst. Last evening Mr. Ford, the agent of the Imperial Government, Mr. Bergne, who is in the same service in connection with the Commission, also Mr. Doure, the counsel in the case, and Mr. Whitcher, of the Fisheries Department, arrived in this city, and are at the Victoria. The gentlemen will hold a consultation here to-day with the Minister of Marine on the case they propose to make before Halifax Commission. It is to be regretted that Mr. Thompson is absent as his place cannot be filled by deputy. It is understood that the United States will appoint Judge Clifford as their Commissioner, but he is abroad on a pleasure trip, and when he will return we do not know."

At the meeting of the Ottawa curling club held on Monday evening, 1st inst., the following members were elected officers for the present season:—His Excellency Earl of Dufferin, patron; Allan Gilmour, president; Thos McKay, D. S. Eastwood and Col. Powell, vice-presidents; Rev. D. M. Gordon, chaplain; George Hutchinson, Secretary treasurer; committee of management, J. Gallaher, H. Inglis, J. Birkett and C. S. Scott.

Major general Smyth and staff were expected to arrive in Victoria on the 18th ult.

It is stated that vice Admiral Sir Cooper Key will succeed Vice Admiral Wellesely as commander-in-Chief on the North American and West India Station.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* is authorized to state that the Admiralty's Fugitive Slave Circular will be withdrawn, and new instructions issued.

A severe engagement has taken place between the Turkish troops and a body of insurgents, near Zibscu, resulting in the defeat of the former, with a heavy loss in killed and wounded.

The Carlists have recaptured Orduña, the town having remained in possession of the Royalist troops only a few days.

There is a regiment in the British army which, in the matter of Good Templarism, bids fair to rival the Cameronians sometimes called "Sir Wilfrid's Own." It is said that there are nearly 200 teetotalers in this regiment. By permission of the commandant at Shorncliffe they use the courtmartial room for their ordinary meetings, while their last annual celebration was held at the canteen.

A neat little bit of scandal has just occurred at Maritzburg. Amongst the officers who recently arrived was a young gentleman who, becoming enamoured of the daughter of a canteen keeper, took the by no means unusual course of making her a few trifling presents. The fact came to the ears of the girl's father, and the result was that the hero of the adventure suffered the humiliation of being horsewhipped in the public streets. Gossip travelled quick, and Sir Garnet Wolseley soon became acquainted with what had happened, and within a day or so a general order was issued by His Excellency to the effect that this officer would proceed to England with all despatch, and report himself to home authorities. He left by the next steamer, and will by this time have suffered dearly for his little freak with the landlord's daughter.

A Berlin despatch says the German arsenal at Renaburg has been totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at 5,000,000 marks.

The ironclad man-of-war *Magenta*, flag ship of the Vice Admiral commanding the French squadron of Toulon, caught fire on the 30th ult., and ultimately exploded. All on board were saved.

The Waywodes or military commanders of Bosnia and Herzegovina have convoked an assembly for the purpose of proclaiming a National Government.

The *Nue Freie Press* states that the Herzegovinian, insurgents have recently received one thousand breech loading rifles from Montenegro.

The Prussian Minister at Constantinople has threatened an armed intervention of the Great Powers if the Turkish persecution of Christians continues.

The inhabitants of Kaka, on the White Nile, have revolted and killed 100 of the Egyptian troops.

News has been received of the British expedition sent out to punish the piratical natives on Congo River, for murdering English sailors. The entire squadron on the west coast of Africa was engaged and sent boats up the river. Many villages were destroyed and a large number of natives were killed. The British lost one man killed and six wounded.