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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

We hail with pleasure the re-appearance of our old friend the *Manitoban*, which was suspended immediately after the death of Mr. Cunningham, one of its proprietors. It is now solely under the management of Mr. Caldwell, the senior partner of the late firm, and is edited with considerable of ability. We clip the following paragraphs from its columns of the 8th inst.

"We are glad to learn that it is probable that the lands in the Settlement Belt on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers soon to be offered for sale, will be sold to the *actual settlers only*. This is good news for the country, if true, as no greater minor calamity could occur than the locking up of this, nearly half million acres, of the most valuable land in the North-West in the hands of speculators."

"We have been favored by a visit from Col Shaw, the gentleman who is engaged in promoting Scotch Emigration to Manitoba. Col. Shaw has arranged with the Dominion Government for 8 townships to be reserved for ten years on condition of his undertaking to settle 1,000 families upon it within that period. He expects to be able to bring 200 families out next spring. Experienced Canadians are to be engaged to overlook the colony. The members of it will be assisted on their passage out and provided with land, seed and implements on their arrival. They will be expected to repay the outlay in three years by a portion of the produce they are enabled to raise. We wish Col. Shaw every success in his design."

Hon Robert Leonard Hazen, Senator, died at St. John, N.B., on the 15th inst. Mr Hazen was nearly the last representative of the most distinguished of the old Loyalists families, whose history is identified with that of New Brunswick's early struggles.

The election of a representative of the Public School Teachers in the Council of Public Instruction, has resulted in the return of Goldwin Smith by a majority of 277.

The Ottawa mill owners held a meeting at the office of Levi Young Esq. on the 21st; and after taking into consideration the state of the trade, the scarcity of piling ground, and the desirability of not overstocking the lumber market, the principal depots of which are glutted, it was unanimously resolved to shut down the Chaudiere Mills on Saturday, 26th of September proximo.

A Boston merchant has information from San Francisco that 600 ships of 1,200 tons

each will be required to carry the surplus grain crop to Europe this season, and not more than 550 sail can yet be reckoned on for that purpose.

A Cheyenne half-breed from Powder River, reports that at a council of Cheyennes and Arapahoes it was decided to withdraw all the hostile parties from the vicinity of the railroad, and return to the Agency.

Lieut. General Sheridan discredits the reports of a battle between the Indians and General Custer. From his knowledge of the locality and of the Indians, he is confident that no such collision could have occurred. No official report has been received of any such affair.

The loss by the flood at Austin, Nevada, yesterday, caused by a cloud burst will amount to over \$100,000. The people were warned in time by a messenger on horse back and escaped to the hills. The deluge was about ten feet deep and it rushed down the cannon. No lives were lost.

An order has been issued by the Secretary of the U. S. Navy, abolishing the office of an executive officer of navy yards and providing an assignment to each yard of an officer not above the rank of commander who shall be senior aid to the commandant. It also provides there shall be attached to each Navy Yard, a Captain of the yard who shall be senior to all other line officers in the yard and in the absence of the commanding officer act as commander.

Special despatches from Washington say, on the authority of Secretary Fish, that there is no truth in the report of the proposed cession of Porto Rico to Germany.

The London *Gazette* of July 31st, informs us that the Queen has caused letters patent to be published under the great seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the settlements on the Gold Coast and of Lagos into a separate colony, to be called the Gold Coast Colony, and providing for the government thereof. Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Captain George Cumine Strachan Rae to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast Colony. Her Majesty has further been pleased to appoint Mr Charles Lees to be administrator of the government of the settlement of Lagos.

The Jersey islanders sent to London markets in two months this spring \$1,000,000 worth of new potatoes. The season's crop of this vegetable gives for the total area of the island \$35 an acre.

The Foreign Office has received information that the Spanish Republican troops have fired upon some officers of the British war ship 'Fly,' which is cruising off the north coast of Spain for the protection of British interests. None were wounded,

Commandant Gonzales, of the Magee outrage notoriety, and his accomplice Butles, have been tried by court martial and sentenced the former to five years penal servitude, and Butles to two years. The Sentence awaits the sanction of the Government.

The Chinese Government has given Japan ninety days to withdraw its troops from the Island of Formosa. In the meantime China is making extensive preparations for war with Japan, which it is generally believed will ensue.

General Lewal has concluded the investigation into the circumstances of the escape of marshal Bazaine. He reports that the majority of the guards are guilty of connivance and Bazaine simply left by the open door.

Ex-President Thiers has returned to Paris with his health completely restored.

Colonel Villette, the aid de camp of Marshal Bazaine, was examined. He denies all complicity in the escape. The rope story gains credence and several experiments have been made, and prove that the descent which Bazaine is reported to have made from the terrace was not difficult.

It is reported that Russia has a last consented to recognize the Spanish Republic.

The *Post* says the Brussels Congress abandoned the Russian programme. The delegates have transmitted for satisfaction to their respective Governments the resolutions adopted, which merely enlarge the humane provisions of the Geneva Convention.

Carlist advices report a second engagement at Otiya between the Moriones and the Dorregaray, in which the former was defeated with heavy loss and driven back to Torraga.

It is officially announced that three assaults of the Carlists on Aclanaige have been repulsed with a loss to the garrison of sixty killed and wounded.

President McMahon in his progress, through Brittany has arrived at Rennes.

Marshal Bazaine intends to go to England in a few days.

Marshal Bazaine has written a letter to the Minister of the Interior in which he says that neither Col, Villette nor any of the other prisoners now in custody are responsible for his escape from prison. He declares that he had no accomplices in the Fort or elsewhere except his wife and nephew. The Marshal describes how he eluded the surveillance of his jailor, and in conclusion says "resenting the humiliating prison regulations I felt justified in an attempt to recovery my liberty."