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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A public meeting was held at the City Hall on the evening of the 20th, to hear Dr. Mitchell, one of a deputation from the Western States, on behalf of the Nebraska and Kansas sufferers from the grasshopper plague. The Doctor in the course of his remarks stated that there were about 40,000 people suffering there yet. He made a strong and eloquent appeal, which will doubtless meet with a hearty response from the people of Ottawa, whose known charity is proverbial. At the close of the lecture Mr. Bronson moved seconded by Mr. G. W. Oruce, and carried unanimously "that a petition be presented to the City Council, asking them to take into consideration the question of sending relief to the Nebraska and Kansas sufferers."

The Dominion Board of Trade met in the Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons, at noon on Tuesday, the 20th inst., W. H. Howland, of Toronto, President, in the chair. The annual report of the Executive Council was presented and read by the Secretary. Printed copies of the report were distributed to the members of the Board. The action of the Government on various important questions was highly commended, such as the Free Postal Delivery system, Reciprocal reduction in Postage ratio. Encouragement of Trade with the British and Foreign West Indies, &c, &c.

Before the Board separated on Thursday, the Hon James Skead, Messrs, Clemow, Pennock and McGillivray, delegates from the Ottawa board, entertained the members of the Dominion Board of Trade to a complimentary luncheon at the Rideau Club House. The Hon. G. A. Walkham, Premier of British Columbia, was called on to reply to the toast of "The Ladies," and during his remarks, said "his mission to England had been successful, and that the people of Canada had no idea of the speedy manner in which the Pacific Railway would be constructed. He hoped in a few years to see British Columbia not only represented at the Dominion Board, but also that a midsummer meetings would be held at Victoria."

The funeral of the late Col. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Canada, took place at Simcoe on the 20th inst. It was a most imposing affair. Up

wards of 800 Masons were present from all parts of the Province. Business in the town was entirely suspended, and the greatest respect was exhibited by every one to the memory of the distinguished citizen.

It is reported that Mr. Colin Campbell M. P., for Digby, and Hon. Mr. Brown, of Yarmouth, are to become members of the Cabinet of Nova Scotia, the latter in the place of Mr. Annand, who is to take the place of Queen's Printer.

A Fort Garry despatch of the 22nd says that one of the Manitoba settlers has received a letter from his friends in Russia, informing him that 931 families are leaving on the 27th proximo for Manitoba.

A Minnesota paper confirms this, and states that an agent has already gone west to Montana to purchase 17,000 head of cattle for these new settlers. As the Mennonites who arrived last fall averaged seven members to a family this new colony will add about 6,500 souls to our population.

A terrible snow storm prevailed throughout the Territory of Utah on the 14th inst., and the canyons of Cottonwood were completely blocked with avalanches occurring hourly.

Despatches from all parts of the Northwest report extremely cold weather. In some portions of Dakota it is reported that cattle are freezing to death, and great suffering is feared among the settlers along the borders of the Western States.

A snowslide in Nevada recently buried fifty Chinamen wood cutters, of whom twenty-eight were killed.

Another snow slide occurred at Big Cottonwood Canon, overwhelming six men, whose bodies have not yet been recovered.

President Grant has announced that if the U. S. senate seats Pinchback as one of its members he will consider it a sufficient warrant to continue to support the Kellogg Government.

The *Noravian* had a rough passage out. One of her boats was carried away, a mast was split, one of the passengers was thrown down and had his knee cap broken, and several other minor casualties occurred.

A cable telegram of the 20th instant, says: "The *Pall Mall Gazette* says that war, if not actually declared against Turkey, is resolved upon by the Government of Montenegro, Persons well acquainted in the East regard the situation as one of the gravest character."

The Custom Officers at New York, seized on the 19th inst. \$60,000 worth of silks, cottons, &c, smuggled from Europe.

A cable telegram of the 19th, says the British ship *Barar*, is supposed to have foundered with all on board—twenty in number.

The *London Globe* says it has good authority for stating that the British Government has demanded an explanation and apology from the Government of Peru, for removing a passenger from a steamer at Callao.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria is threatened with a severe family affliction—Prince Leopold is reported to be dying from hemorrhage of the lungs.

A special despatch from Vienna to the *Daily News*, says the prospect of an adjustment of the Montenegro difficulty is more hopeful. It is supposed that Turkey is yielding. Austria, it is stated, will send troops to the Bosnian frontier. The *Standard's* special telegram from Trieste represents that, on account of the deep snow in the passes and on the roads, it will be impossible for the Montenegrins to enter Turkish territory during the next two months, except at points where the Turks are in overwhelming force.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says the *Journal de St. Petersburg* has an article which is taken as an indication that Montenegro has the support of Russia in the difficulty with Turkey.

Disturbances have occurred in two villages of Geneva Canton, Switzerland, over the baptism of children by Old Catholics. The presence of troops was required to preserve order.

Forty-seven Carlist officers have notified the Spanish consul at Bayonne that they have given in their adhesion to King Alfonso.

A cattle train fell through a bridge on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railway on Sunday, causing a tremendous smash, and killing \$20,000 worth of cattle.

The Hon. Mr. Gladstone has retired from the Leadership of the Whig party in the House of Commons, which virtually means that he intends retiring into private life.

The Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs has resigned on account of complications growing out of the Podgoritz outrages. The policy of his successor will be more conciliatory, but should a conflict become unavoidable, Austria will endeavor to confine it to the narrowest possible limits.

It is stated that Republican emissaries have left Barcelona and other towns in Spain to confer with the Carlists chief, in Saballo, for the purpose of causing a general rising against King Alfonso. It is further said that in the event of the project succeeding it is proposed by the Plebiscite to decide between monarchy in Don Carlos as King and a Republic. There is considerable agitation among the Republicans in Barcelona.