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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Canadian fruit displayed at the recent show at Boston carried off no less than six medals, four silver and two bronze, and this in competition with all the fruit growing States in the Union.

The steamer *Bavarian* took fire on Wednesday night about 8 o'clock, when opposite Oshawa. She was a mass of flames in an instant, and only two boats were lowered. Both of these reached land, containing 22 persons altogether. There were fourteen remaining, who are almost without a doubt lost. Amongst the fourteen are the captain, Carmichael, of Toronto; the Chief Engineer, Wm. Finner, of Prescott; the steward, Wm. Spence, of Lachine, also three lady passengers, Mrs. Sibbald and daughter, of Brockville, and Messrs. Ireland, of Kingston; Mr. Hilyard Wear, of Chatham.

Stokes has the third time been tried for the murder of Col. Fisk, and this time been found guilty of manslaughter in the third degree, and sentenced to four years hard labor in the State Prison. This is New York justice.

Nicholas Kiger, a negro, has been fined \$1,000, and sent to prison for one year in Indiana, for violating the law against the intermarriage of whites and blacks.

A telegram from Spain to Havana announces that the Madrid Government is placing steam transports in readiness to carry 5,000 more troops to Cuba before the 30th of November.

A special despatch from Sicily reports that the volcano of *Etna* is in a state of violent eruption. The outbreak is accompanied by fearful earthquakes. Portions of the crater have fallen in, and mines of sulphur, which had been worked for years, and were valued at £300,000 have been destroyed.

A lawyer of note in the civil courts was recently murdered at Ghazepore, in India. He was found dead in his bed, with his head severed from his body. The murder was committed by two servants, in revenge for a beating with a shoe which one of them had received.

Sir Edward Thornton has accepted the office of umpire to the United States and Mexican Claims Commission, with the permission of the British Government.

A London bootmaker has just invented a boot with small wheels, which will enable us to go as rapidly as a horse, with the advantage of stopping at a moment's notice.

Parisians are promised a Bonapartist pamphlet, entitled *L'Empire*, from the pen of the fiery Paul De Cassagnac. The Republican prints ask if the Government will have the courage to suppress it.

The managers of the Cichester, England, Young Men's Christian Association, have decided that Mark Twain's books are not fit to be read by Colchester Young Christians, and banished them from the library.

There are twenty five ships for the British navy now in course of construction in England, consisting chiefly of sloops and frigates, with two torpedo vessel and two turret ships of 10,800 tons and 7,000 horse power.

The German navy is a long way from making that imposing appearance, even on paper, which the Germans want. It consists of only forty-two ships carrying 397 guns. There are but twenty ships on active service.

The German Government has issued an order to all principals of elementary schools in Alsace and Lorraine, public and private, prohibiting them from allowing instruction in the French language. French instruction is henceforth to be limited to the secondary and higher schools.

It having been made known to the Emperor William that a niece by marriage of Beethoven is at present living at Vienna in great destitution, he has ordered that during her lifetime five per cent. of the proceeds from the performance of Beethoven's "Fidelio" at the Royal Opera House, Berlin, be given her.

The Tribunal at Santiago, De Cuba, before which the prisoners captured on the *Verginius* were brought, condemned Hernandez Varoni Pedro, Espides Jesses del Sol and General Ryan to death, and they were shot on the morning of the 4th inst.

FORT GARRY, NOV. 6.

The Local House opened on the fourth. The Lieut. Gov's speech referred chiefly to the enlarging of the Province, now under discussion.

Attorney General Clarke introduced, as Government measures, Bills for the incorporation of Winnipeg, and representation by population.

Mr. Hay, leader of the Opposition, gave the Bills his support.

Five of the men arrested at Auteen on a charge of being engaged in a conspiracy to abduct the niece of President MacMahon and hold her as a hostage, have been convicted and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

The bureaux of the Assembly met on the 7th to nominate a committee on the prolongation of President MacMahon's powers. Three of the bureaux in which the Left have the majority postponed a return until Saturday;

"A pamphlet," says the *Opinion Nationale*, "by M. Guizot, entitled *Fusion*, is in the press. The work consists of thirty-eight pages, and its conclusion is to prove the necessity for the country to proceed immediately with the foundation of the Monarchy."

The *Gazetta d'Italia* asserts that the financial crisis in America has caused great excitement at the Vatican. It has never been kept a secret that a great part of the money received from the Peter's pence and part of the private property of the prelates has been deposited in American banks by Cardinal Antonelli.

An elaborate monument to Michael Angelo is to be erected at Florence.

Muley Abbas, brother of the deceased Emperor of Morocco, was proclaimed as his successor on the 25th ult.

Gen. Garibaldi has just published a book entitled "The Thousand," which gives an account of his expeditions to Sicily.

During the recent hurricane at Tortugas, it is said, a solid bar of iron weighing 1,800 pounds was carried 200 yards over the parapet of the fort.

Laura Keene, the well known actress, died on the 6th inst.