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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The seventh annual prize meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, commenced at the Rideau Range on the morning of Tuesday last, under the most favorable auspices—the weather being of the most favorable description. Want of space prevents our publishing this week the proceedings, but next week we will give a full report.

To day the annual prize meeting of the Kingston Rifle Association, to be held at Barrield Ranges, commencing at 9 a.m. Prizes to the amount of about \$300 will be offered for competition.

Major White of the Governor General's Foot Guards entertained the officers attending the Dominion Rifle Association matches at his residence, on Thursday evening last. A very numerous party attended. The band of the Governor General's Foot Guards played during the evening.

The annual dinner of the officers of the Governor General's Foot Guards was given at the Rideau Club on Friday evening. Hon. Mr. Yail, Minister of Militia, was present. The band of the battalion was in attendance, and commenced playing at half-past eight p.m.

Lt-Col Jackson, D.A.A.G., of No 4 Military District, arrived in Ottawa on Friday last from his recent trip to Manitoba and is staying at the Russell House.

Harvest Homes are beginning to be held regularly in townships all over the Province of Ontario.

The fishing this year in Lake Huron is unusually good, and the boats from Southampton sometimes bring in six or seven tons at a time.

The Guelph Mercury says that Mr. James Fahy returned from California Friday week thoroughly disgusted with the "Golden Coast."

It has been decided to hold a regatta in Belleville on the 15th September. At a meeting held on Thursday evening the sum of \$105 was subscribed towards the prize fund, which will be considerably augmented.

It is suggested that in view of the increasing importance of some of the settlements along the coast of Labrador and the North Shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, it would be desirable to extend steam navigation for postal services.

A table consisting of 100,000 different pieces of wood, has just been finished by Mr. J. A. B. Hannum. It is inland to represent the different buildings (some twenty-five in number) of Eddy's great lumber works at Hull.

Jefferson Davis declines to accept the gift of a homestead in Texas, which it was proposed to pay for by dollar subscriptions.

George Brown's executors have placed over his grave at Herring Cove a plain granite monument prepared by Mr. Sanford. It bears the following inscription: "In memory of George Brown, Champion Oarsman of the World. Died July 6 1875, aged 36. Respected in life—lamented in death."

From Ogdensburg we learn that Forest fires are raging about one mile east of Massena. The fires started on the morning of the 9th, and now cover a tract of a mile wide and five miles long. The wind is blowing a gale from the south. The farmers are deserting their dwellings. Large tracts of standing timber are swept down, and the fire runs through swamps and fields of standing grain with incredible rapidity. The season has been unusually dry, and no rain has fallen during the past six weeks. The water in the streams is very low, and the wells are dried up.

A New York despatch says that "the challenge of Watson Boyd, the champion sculler of England, to row any man in America a single scull race for \$2,000 a side, in gold, has been accepted by Evan Morris, of Pittsburgh, who agrees to allow Boyd \$100 expenses to row near Pittsburg.

A dog is on the police force of Alleghany, Pa. He went to the police station as a lodger last winter, and has lived there ever since. He goes the rounds with an officer, and assists in capturing the rascals, seizing them whenever the policeman's strength proves inefficient. He sometimes travels alone, and when he meets an inebriate, barks for a policeman to come.

At Sheffield on the 16th ult., the Princess of Wales presented new colors to the 13th regiment, and expressed her desire that it should be henceforth known as the Princess of Wales's own.

The Times in a leading article commenting on the American Rifle Team on their return home, gives them high praise for the bearing and achievements during their European trip. It thinks their visit here will be beneficial in many ways.

There has been a heavy typhoon in the China Sea, and several vessels wrecked. The American vessel *Gaelic* suffered damage, and chief officer Ritchie and a seaman named Batterton were washed overboard and drowned.

The Porte in reply to the cautions of the Great Powers declares he is willing to refrain from offensive measures against Servia, provided it does not assist the Insurgents.

Fifteen thousand animals have died of the horn and foot disease in Dorsetshire.

Despatches from Madrid state that it is reported that General Campos has requested the Generals commanding the Army of the North to join him in a pronunciamento, restoring ex-Queen Isabella to the throne of Spain.

A Bonapartist banquet was held at Evreux, France, on the 5th at which a letter was read from Admiral Baron De La Ronciere, Le Noury Condor, of the French Mediterranean squadron. This letter was afterwards published in the *Courier de L'Europe* and has created excitement and violent comment among all supporters of the constitution. The Admiral says his constant desire is to associate himself with every manifestation looking to the union of the Conservative party. "I shall not cease to be the devoted servant of the Government of Marshal MacMahon, so long as he shall not be borne outside of Conservative paths in which to-day he is concentrating his most ardent efforts, but I assert that when the moment comes France should become free to choose and thus once more take her place among the European hierarchy which is denied her by her present form of Government." Marshal MacMahon when he first learned of the publication of this letter, called a Council of his Ministers to take cognizance of the matter, and the Minister of Marine, who was absent from Paris, was summoned to return to participate in the Council. The *Journal Official* of the 9th publishes a decree appointing Admiral Roze, commander of the Mediterranean squadron, vice Ronciere Le Noury without comment.

The formal opening of the Serbian Skuptchina took place on the 9th. Prince Milan in his speech referred, but in indefinite language, to the troubles in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He said he relied on his people's support in the serious task imposed by the grave crisis.

The harvest in Europe will be an average crop. The Copenhagen correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, writes on the 6th as follows:—"The harvest is now over. Almost everywhere throughout Denmark various accounts agree that the quality and quantity will be greatly above the average. There will be a large surplus of Danish wheat for exportation. Information from Sweden in regard to the crops is also very favorable."

The reorganization of the Russian cavalry, just ordered by the Emperor Alexander, amounts to the permanent mobilization of some 50,000 horse. In accordance with this important measure, the greater part of the cavalry in European Russia will be always kept on a war footing, and stationed along railway lines, so as to be ready to act at a moment's notice.