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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

There was a meeting of the "Canada First" party held at Toronto on the 16th inst., attended by eight members who nominated officers for the ensuing year. All interest in this party is dying out.

A new Rifle Association called the Lennox and Addington, has been formed at Odessa, Ont. It includes all the volunteers of the county.

The skeletons of five men were found in excavating on section 16 of the new canal here, near the Welland Railway Station. They are probably the remains of soldiers, as the battle of Beaver Dam was fought at this point.

The annual match of the Ramsay Rifle Association will take place this year at the rifle range, Almonte, commencing on Monday, 6th July. There will be offered in prizes about \$200, divided into seven different matches.

At the monthly meeting of the Sergeants' Mess, 1st Prince of Wales' Rifles of Montreal, held at their Mess room, on Wednesday evening, June 3rd, 1874, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—"That the thanks of the Sergeants' Mess, 1st Prince of Wales' Rifles, are due and are hereby tendered to the Bandmaster and members of the Band of the Governor General's Foot Guards for the splendid and handsome manner in which they received the representatives of this Mess on the occasion of their late excursion to Ottawa, and their unremitting acts of kindness so unweariedly extended to them during their stay, and hope that at any early day, they will have an opportunity of reciprocating their kindness."

"That the Secretary Treasurer be instructed to forward a copy of the above resolution to the Bandmaster."

Washington Senate.—In the House the bill to ascertain the possessory rights of the Hudson Bay Company and other British subjects within the limits which were subject of award of the Emperor of Germany under the Treaty of Washington, of May 1871, and for other purposes passed.

During last week more than six hundred people in Brooklyn have been visited with a new and peculiar disease of the eye, which has received the name of *conjunctivitis*. Its first symptoms are a slight soreness, which is soon followed by a bloodshot condition of the eyes. If not promptly and properly treated the patient is afflicted with violent pains in the head, and unless the eyes are given absolute rest the sight may be destroyed.

The President on the 18th inst. sent to the Senate the recently negotiated reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada.

The Spanish Government is in negotiation with the Credit Mobilier for the loan of 50,000,000 reals.

● Advices from Algiers state that a body of Moorish Insurgents invaded that city, but the French troops repelled them; 12 of the Insurgents killed and a number injured.

The *Daily Telegraph* has a special despatch from Central Asia announcing that a rebellion has broken out in Khokan. Sixteen officials of high rank have been beheaded. The Russian Commanders in Central Asia have received orders to remain neutral.

The fire in the forest of Fontainebleau has been extinguished, after destroying ten acres of timber.

Havanna letters of the 13th inst. state that the expedition under Aguelcira had safely landed on the north coast with four thousand rifles, six pieces mountain artillery, and a large quantity of ammunition.

When the steamer *Parthia* arrived at Queenston on the 16th inst., a large and unruly mob had gathered on the dock, awaiting the appearance of Rochefort, who was generally known to be on board. As Rochefort passed down the gangway he was immediately recognized by the crowd who received him with hootings and execrations, and made a rush for him as he landed. The police surrounded Rochefort, who it is feared would have been lynched but for their protection. An intensely excited mob pressing forward, hooting and yelling, followed the Frenchman to the Queen's Hotel. From that place the police escorted him to the depot where only passengers were admitted. His arrival at Cork was not expected. He therefore passed through the city unnoticed and took the train at 9 p.m. for Dublin, whence he will proceed to London.

Rochefort reached London, June 19, 5 a.m. His arrival at Euston Square station. was unattended by any demonstration.

An engagement between the Carlists and Republicans at Alcora resulted in the defeat of the former. The Government forces lost ten killed and eighty-five wounded, and the loss of the Carlists are much larger. Among the killed was Don Enrique, son of Henry of Bourbon, while leading the Carlists.

Republican Concha expects to open an attack on Estella,

The latest advices from the scene of war in the North, are to the effect that the Carlists are certainly concentrating at Monte Jurra, near Estella, they have cleaned the county over which they passed of provisions, horses, and vehicles. Marshal Concha's force numbers 38,000 men. He has 87 pieces of artillery. There is some dissatisfaction because the attack upon the Insurgents has not yet been made. Quite a number of Marshal Concha's men are suffering from dysentery, attributed to raw onions.

The great crucible steel casting for the Woolwich new eighty one ton gun was run at the works of Messrs. Thomas Firth & Son, Sheffield, on Friday last. In its production 194 men were engaged, who emptied 628 crucibles, each weighing seventy pounds net, into the casting pit. The weight of the castings in the rough is therefore about twenty tons, its length in the mould being thirteen feet and diameter forty-two inches. When it has been allowed to cool in a very gradual manner for some time, it will be sheathed and well hammered by the twenty-five ton Nasmyth hammer of the firm, until it is of proper size and suitable density. It is destined to form the interior tube of the great piece of ordnance alluded to, and is the largest steel casting yet turned out. It will be turned, tempered, etc., at Woolwich.

The Republican Journals of Paris of the 16th speak in the most eulogistic terms of the members of both Right and Left Centres of the Assembly because of their vote yesterday against the restoration of a monarchy. They say the vote in the Assembly though it does not proclaim a Republic, shows that a monarchy is impossible. Orleansist journals affect to consider that the action of the Assembly leaves the situation unchanged, and expresses belief nevertheless, that the consequence of the vote will be the consolidation of President McMahan's powers.

The Right Centre is negotiating with the Right and with a portion of the Left Centre, in the hope of forming a new majority upon the programme based on the bill submitted by M. Lambert De St. Croix on the 15th instant, providing for the confirmation of President McMahan's powers.

The organization of a Second Chamber, conferring the right upon President McMahan to dissolve both branches, and appointment of his successors by joint convention of the two Chambers. The negotiations will probably prove abortive, the Left Centre adhering to the provision of Casimir Periere's Bill,