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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

His Excellency the Governor General, who was to have left Ottawa on Saturday the 2nd inst. for Quebec, is still detained in Ottawa in consequence of the non-arrival of the *Polynesian*. It is probable he will leave some time this week, taking passage per the steamer *Polynesian*. Lieut. General O'Grady Italy, will administer the Government during Lord Dufferin's absence.

Captain Hugh Wylie of the *Manitoba* the first steam ship of the Allan line, which arrived at Quebec this season, reports having passed through one hundred miles of field ice, extending from thirty miles below the Bird Rocks to seventy miles above. The *Polynesian* and several other vessels have also been delayed in that dangerous locality by the ice floe.

A despatch from Montreal, 7th May, states that a steamer, supposed to be the *Polynesian*, passed Fox River this morning at 7 a. m. This place is on the south shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in the County of Gaspé. Another despatch from Father Point, N. F., received this morning, says: The steamship *Phœnician* arrived at 1:40 a. m., with 11 cabin and 62 steerage passengers, at midnight. She got into the ice thirty miles west of St. Paul. On Tuesday, the 4th inst, she spoke the Company's ship *Gleniffer*, ten days beset in the ice, and saw twenty sailing vessels and five steamers, all beset in the ice. At 4 o'clock p. m., on the 5th inst she got clear of the ice, thirty miles north west of Bird Rocks. All well.

It is not true that Sir Hugh Allan has failed in his financial mission to England. Latest reports from him were encouraging.

Mr. J. M. Machar, of Kingston, and Mr. Mathew Ryan, of Montreal, have been appointed Commissioners to settle half-breed claims in Manitoba, in accordance with the terms of the Act passed during last session for that purpose.

Hon. Mr. Huntington tendered his resignation of the position he holds in the Cabinet some days ago to the Government in order to avoid the possibility of embarrassment arising to the Government from the charges made against him in connection with pending suits. Mr. Mackenzie has declined to accept his resignation, however, as he sees no grounds to doubt Mr. Huntington's probity in connection with the affairs in which his conduct has been called in question.

It is stated by the *St. John Globe* that the cost of changing the gauge of the Intercolonial Railway to the American modern width, will be about \$1,000,000.

The Mennonites of Waterloo County have entered into the emigration agency business, having collected \$24,000 to aid their brethren in Russia to migrate to Manitoba. Two thousand dollars of the amount is a gift, the remainder to be repaid by annual instalments. The Mennonites are proving very valuable settlers, and evidently the \$100,000 advanced by the Dominion Government has been well invested and will be returned to the country a hundred fold.

The steamship *Alhambra* from Boston for Halifax, is reported by a telegraph from Halifax ashore at Cape Sable, probably a total loss. All hands were reported saved.

There are many, both in Quebec and Ontario, who will be glad to learn that a committee, with the Duke of Cambridge at its head, has been formed in England to erect a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Lieut. General Sir James Lindsay. The gentlemen comprising the committee have felt that some of the distinguished General's old friends in this country, once they know that such a movement is on foot, will desire to participate in it. It is therefore notified that subscriptions will be received from any persons residing in Ottawa desirous of contributing, by Lieut.-Colonel Macpherson, who on several occasions served on the late General's staff during the Fenian disturbances in 1866 and 1870.

About thirty of the Russian Mennonites, who remained in the Township of Markham, with their Canadian Brethren, to get a better knowledge of the English language and the system of Canadian farming, left there on the 3rd inst, en route to Manitoba. They will proceed by way of Berlin, where they will be joined by some seventy others, who also remained in Canada for a similar purpose. They took with them from Markham two car loads of seed grain, and three waggons. Those leaving Berlin have also purchased more seed and sixteen additional waggons.

The *London Morning Post* says that China has engaged the Confederate General Ripley to construct works on an extensive scale for defence of the coast and the main Rivers. The General sails for the East in a few days.

A gun factory in Upper Austria (according to a Vienna telegram to the *London Daily News*) is said to be making 250,000 rifles for Germany. It has delivered 180,000, and has received a further order for 75,000. A Vienna firm is reported to be executing a German order for 30,000,000 cartridges for delivery in June.

The Government of Turkey and Montenegro have agreed to refer the matter of the frontier question to the decision of a Joint Commission.

Six thousand German families are getting ready to emigrate from Prussia on account of oppression and conscription.

The American team has been selected for the coming International rifle test, to be held in Ireland. The successful candidates are: Mayor Henry Fulton, Col. Bodine, Col. Gildersleeve, General Dakin G. W. Hale, and L. L. Hepburn. Reserves being Colman, Canareld and Jewel.

It has been definitely decided that the great rifle match shall take place on June the 29th, at Dollmount. A deputation has been named to meet the American team at Queenstown. The advent of the American Riflemen will be marked with many courtesies. A banquet in their honor will be given by the Mayor of London, by the Fellows of Trinity College, and by many private citizens. There will also be others of a like character including a *fete* at Chauser Castle.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says the fresh note from Germany has arrived in Brussels. This note, the *Gazette* says, is in connection with the pastoral recently issued by the Bishop of Namur, which is extremely violent in its reference to the German Government.

Haytien advices to April 24th report there has been some disturbances at Port au Paris on the north side, and the British Consul was assaulted and wounded. The commander of a British gunboat wished to bombard the place immediately, but was prevented by the Consul, who has since arrived in Kingston on the gunboat *Swallow*. Commodore Lyons has sent a steamer of war to Port au Prince to demand an explanation and indemnity for the outrage, under penalty of immediate retaliation upon the town of Port au Paris for the outrage on the British flag.

The British gunboat *Dryad* Commodore Domville from St. Jago De Cuba, brings news that the Insurgents are reported successful in one or two engagements, and were burning estates.

The *Times* fully endorses Mr. Gladstone's letter, and says it would be melancholy if the first great attempt to complete independence should result in social anarchy, although there is nothing at present to justify such fears. Grave evils exist in some American institutions which must be remedied if progress is to be kept up.

Some of the Belgian journals say that secret societies, rivaling the organization of the Carbonari, exist in the Prussian provinces which have a large Roman Catholic population. They are composed of groups of ten persons each, of whom nine are not informed as to the other members of the society, but know only the tenth, their chief. The ten chiefs of ten such groups know only the chief of the hundred.