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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Corner Stone of the New Dominion Methodist Church, now being erected on the corner of Metcalfe and Queen Streets (the old building being pulled down to make way for a more commodious one) was laid on last Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by Mr. W. E. Sandford of Hamilton. After the stone was laid addresses were delivered by the Rev. James Elliott, President of Eastern Conference, and several other Gentlemen belonging to the same body. The collection taken up on the occasion amounted to over seven hundred dollars. A very successful garden social was held in the evening at the residence of Mr. John Rochester, M.P., given by Mrs. Rochester, the proceeds of which realized the handsome sum of one hundred dollars. The building when completed will be one of the handsomest in the City, and will add greatly to its beauty, being in a central and commanding position. It is intended to seat 1,500, and will cost about \$60,000. To the Rev. Mr. Hunter, Pastor of the Church, is mainly due the erection of this spacious edifice, and was much needed to meet the growing wants of the rapidly increasing population of the City of Ottawa. The cavity in the corner stone was filled with the Historical Record (just read) "a copy of the *Christian Guardian* and *Evangelical Witness*, *Provincial Wesleyan*, and *London Watchman*, *Ottawa Times*, *Citizen*, *Free Press* and *Volunteer Review*, *Toronto Globe*, *Mail*, and *Liberal*; Dominion of Canada fifty, twenty-five, ten, five and one cent pieces, &c. &c.

Lieut. Col. James Egleson, commanding Ottawa Brigade of Garrison Artillery, was presented on Tuesday evening last, on the eve of his marriage, with two addresses and a beautiful service of plate by the Directors of the first and second Mutual Building Societies of which he was Secretary Treasurer, as an acknowledgment of his services. The incident was a pleasing one of which the Colonel may feel justly proud, as it shows the estimation in which he is held by his friends.

The work on the Brockville camp ground is rapidly progressing to completion. Four bridges have been built, and four wells sunk. The butts at the ranges are also completed. Wakefield, Eady and Alwin companies will parade at this camp.

The Camps for 1875 will be held at the following places:—*Ontario*—Cobourg 14th inst.; Kingston, 21st inst.; Guelph, 22nd inst.; Holland Landing, 22nd inst.; Brockville, 22nd inst.; London, 1st September. *Quebec*—Franklin, 21st inst.; St. Andrews, 5th July; Granby, 6th September.

Major General Smyth and his aide de camp arrived at Niagara on the 8th, and was met at the wharf by Mr. Plumb, M.P., whose guests they were. During the afternoon the General visited the camp. On Wednesday an inspection of all the troops was made but Thursday was the great field day. The weather was delightful and no sick in hospital, the sanitary arrangements of the camp being well looked after.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association takes place this evening at 8 o'clock, in the room over Lang's hardware store, corner of Sparks and O'Connor streets, for the election of officers and receiving the annual report.

We understand that several gentlemen of this City, who take a deep interest in Volunteering and rifle shooting, have organized a club called the "Ottawa Rifle Club," having for its object the attainment of accurate shooting and the introduction into this section of country of improved arms. A number of them have already received from England, rifles of the Snider Enfield pattern similar to the Government issue, which can compete according to the Wimbledon rules and those of the Dominion Rifle Association at all matches. The rules and constitution of the club are published, and no doubt can be procured from the Secretary Capt. Todd, of the Governor General's Foot Guards. The names of the officers are Mr. John Taylor, President; Col. Brunell and Major Anderson, Vice Presidents.

The Provisional battalion on service in Manitoba will, we are given to understand, be reduced shortly to one hundred strong. The services of three or four officers will consequently have to be dispensed with. It is generally believed that this reduction has been determined upon because of the efficient services rendered by the North west Mounted Police. The period of service of most of the men engaged just now will be out in August next, when a draft of fresh men will have to be sent up.

Advices just received from New York announce the completion of the direct cable and communication established between Ireland and America.

The Government Engineers have taken up the necessary lands at the mouth of French River for depot grounds of the Canada Pacific Railway Station. Plans of the same have been forwarded to Ottawa.

Queen Victoria is about to throw open to the public the memorial chapel of the Prince Consort, at Windsor Castle. The internal decorations of the buildings are the work of Baron Triqueti, Miss Durant, Messrs Clayton and Bell, and other eminent artists. They were begun in 1864. An attractive feature of the chapel is the cenotaph, which stands in the centre. This is in white marble, and on the top is an effigy of the Prince, clad in mediæval armour, while at the side are figures of angles weeping. A model of Eos, the favourite dog of the Prince Consort, lies at the feet of the effigy, and below her Majesty is represented.

What does this mean? *The Daily News* reports that several Russian men of war at Odessa have been ordered to proceed to Greece, and three others are expected at Greek ports from the Baltic.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin has issued invitations to a banquet to be given to the Irish and American Rifle Teams, on the evening of the day of the International shooting match. The Masonic body will also entertain the American riflemen.

This year's Wimbledon meeting will be commenced on the 12th July. Teams from New Zealand, the United States and Canada are expected. The off shoulder shooting is to be abolished, and the standing position, at 200 yards rendered no longer compulsory. There is a decrease on the value of association prizes, as compared with former years, of about £545.

In the International match competition the following riflemen made the best score, and first six will likely comprise the team to compete against the Americans:—Messrs. Wilson, Hamilton, Miller, Pollock, Rigby, Johnson, Fulton, McKenna and Young. The three last having used English rifles will have to shoot over again.

The Sultan of Zanzibar arrived at Westminster, afternoon this (9th,) and was received by a guard of honor. He will remain in England a month or more. The expenses of his visit will be defrayed by the British Government.

A cable telegram from Melbourne, June 7th says:—"Reports have been received here from the Fiji Islands that 5,000 natives have died of an epidemic.

Details of the earthquake in Asia Minor show several villages destroyed and 2000 lives lost.

The French Minister of war asks for 51,000,000 francs, for fortifications and war materials.