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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The fall wheat is being harvested through out the Ottawa Valley; and we are gratified to learn that it is a most abundant crop. There are no complaints of either fly or rust. The weather is very propitious for the safe gathering in of the crop.

At Concord N. H. on the 4th the mercury at five o'clock in the morning registered 46°. This is remarkably cold for the early part of August.

The Gathering of the Caladonia Clans, under the auspices of the St. Andrews Society of Ottawa, will be held in the Agriculture Show Grounds, on Thursday, 13th inst. \$400 in valuable Prizes and Purses will be awarded to the successful competitors in these sports.

The International Cricket match between England and America came off at Lord's (England) on the 4th, and resulted in a victory for the Americans, contrary to all expectation.

A Halifax paper says the Court Martial held on board H M S *Doris* on the conduct of the Captain, Officers and Crew of H M S *Niobe* for her loss at Miquelon, have "returned a verdict not only acquitting the accused from all blame, but highly complimenting them for their conduct during and after the disaster. The result of the investigation will give universal satisfaction."

Miss McPherson and another party of one hundred children left England, 30th July, and are expected here about August 13th.

The turning of the first sod of the Victoria Railway took place on the 5th inst., at Lindsay, and the ceremony passed off with great eclat.

Five hundred thousand tons of coal were taken out of the N. S. and C. B. mines the first six months of this year.

The tenders for the construction of the Trans-Continental Telegraph Line were opened on the 7th, but the work of tabulating and arranging them and calculating the figures, which is being conducted by Messrs. Trudeau, Braun, Sandford Fleming, has not yet been completed, and of course the result is not known.

We understand the Dominion Government have taken the necessary steps to repair the Government buildings and fortifications at Quebec and Kingston, and a considerable force will be employed in both places for this purpose during the remainder of the year.

1500 men are working on the North Shore Railway.

Adamson's elevator, Toronto, containing 26,000 bushels of grain, and a large quantity of flour was destroyed on the 6th. The fire extending, burned a large warehouse and a pile of wood stored near the wharf. The destruction of property is great, and the insurance very small.

The editor-in-chief of *Le National* Honorable Charles Joseph Laberge, one of the finest intellects that Canada has produced, died on Monday, August 3rd, in his 47th year.

The Prospect fishermen had a haul of 1,000 barrels of mackerel on Sunday the 5. Lieut. Governor Morris has returned to Fort Garry from the western portion of Manitoba, where he has been inspecting the damage done by grass-hoppers. It is satisfactory to learn that the former accounts were exaggerated.

There is a mystery attending the suicide of Lord Gordon, which the inquest has as yet failed to unravel. No money or securities have been found. It appears that the warrants were not altogether regular, and the whole affair bears the complexion of another attempt at kidnapping by the deceased's bailsmen in New York. The Chief Justice reprimanded the officials who effected the arrest.

The Washington authorities have issued instructions that all the goods from St. John, intended for Canada, must be landed at East Port, and shipped there. This will cause great delay and expense, and merchants here are very indignant.

The first train of the Kingston and Peterboro' Railway arrived at Harrowsmith on Wednesday, where the villagers gave it a demonstrative welcome. Yesterday the Directors, contractors and mill owners had an excursion over the line as far as it is laid.

Mr. J. Rochester, M. P., has sold a ship load of deals to be delivered in Montreal inside of twelve days. The shipment will be made direct to Brighton, England.

The British Steamship 'Corinth,' Captain Oder, which left New York, July 15th, for Liverpool, was lost off Galway, County Cork, Ireland, together with cargo. The crew was saved.

The *Cologne Gazette* says that the French Government have agreed to recall the war ship *Orenoque* from Civita Vecchia, and that vessel will probably quit that station before the 15th instant.

A Special despatch dated St. Louis, 4th to the *Globe* from Fort Gibson, says a band of Indians entered Fort Gibson last night, broke open the jail and liberated the Indian charged with the murder of a white man in the Indian territory, and confined by the

United States Marshal. In leaving they discharged their guns close to the commanding officer's quarters. They threaten, if any more Indians are confined, they will burn the town, and such things may be looked for at any time, there being only six or eight soldiers in the garrison.

A telegraph operator at Aurora, Indiana, reports that the steamer *Pat Rogers* was burned this morning, Tuesday 4th one mile below Aurora, and about twenty lives were lost, the victims being principally ladies.

The possible origin of the fire on the steamer *Rogers* is given as follows:—About two weeks ago a negro thief was detected by the watchman who fired at but missed him; this negro took passage on the *Rogers* on Tuesday, and was heard to say before starting that he would make it as hot as hell for that watchman before the boat reached Cincinnati. The opinion expressed is that the negro set fire to the boat and cut the tiller rope.

Further investigation has shed no additional light on the origin of the fire, except to dissipate the suspicion which rested on a negro discharged from the boat's employ. The number on board, all told, is supposed to have been from seventy two to seventy five persons, the exact list cannot be had. Reports of the lost have ranged from sixteen to twenty eight persons, probably twenty five is the number nearest the fact. At this time five persons are known to be unsaved.

The northwestern part of Minnesota was visited on the 5th by a hail storm, which did great damage to crops in Meeker County. At Pepin, the Baptist Church was struck by lightning and destroyed.

The immigration to New York City during the past nine months has been 100,000 persons less than during the corresponding period last year.

A Galveston special despatch from Dallas says Capt. Beall, just from Fort Worth, brings information that the Indiana had captured two mail stages going, and one coming between Wichita and Fort Sill. There were only three passengers, who with the drivers, were killed and scalped.

The Hamburg steamship *City of Gautemala* is ashore on Watling's Island, and will prove a total loss. The ship and cargo are valued at \$316,834. It is insured.

An earthquake of fully a minute's duration was felt at noon on the 8th inst., in the islands of the Kitts, St. Thomas and Antigua. No damage is reported, although movement sharp.

Hayti and Sandomingo at last advices were tranquil. In the latter country, the only cause of uneasiness was the plotting of few remaining adherents of Boss.