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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Hon. Mr. Huntington was, on Saturday afternoon 9th inst., sworn in by the Administrator of the Government, Postmaster General, in room of Hon. Mr. Fournier, who has taken a seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court.

Hon. A. Mackenzie, Premier, addressed a meeting of his constituents at Sarnia on Monday the 11th inst., explaining the policy of the Government since its occupancy of office.

On Monday Evening, the 9th inst., the Governor General's Foot Guards mustered in full force at the drill shed and after inspection they marched through some of the principal streets of the city. It was understood that General O'Grady Haly would have inspected them, but other engagements prevented his doing so.

The Manitoba Standard reports that the engineers of the Canada Pacific Railway are busy boring at Point Douglas, in order to ascertain the fitness or unfitness of that point for a railway crossing.

A terrific storm of wind and rain raged in Nova Scotia on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th. Several buildings were blown down, and great damage was done to shipping, but no lives are reported to be lost.

On Tuesday last the Cobourg Garrison Battery having completed the drill for 1875, was inspected by Col. Irwin. The ranks were full and the Battery made a good appearance. Forty rounds of shot and shell were fired, and the practice was very good.

The 6th Battalion (Montreal) were inspected on the evening of the 14th by Major General O'Grady Haly, who happened to be in the city, in the absence of Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, who missed the train on his way from the Eastern Townships.

We regret to learn of the death at Prescott, on the 14th inst., of Dr. Wm. J. Scott, father of the Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, at the advanced age of 86 years. He served as a Surgeon in the army through the Peninsular campaign, and came to Canada with his regiment. He was for a number of years Registrar for the County of Grenville, and he was very highly esteemed by those who knew him.

At London on Tuesday the 12th inst., Lieut. Col. Macpherson paid the veterans of 1812-15, resident in the County of Middlesex, the gratuity granted by the Government. Some twenty nine old soldiers, whose ages ranged from seventy eight to ninety two, received their checks for \$20. Most of these men were present in some of the battles fought in 1812-15, and some of them hold medals. Five Indian warriors who had taken part in the war also received

their checks. Their ages ranged from seventy-eight to eighty-six years. They have all seen active service and hold the medals granted by George III. After the business of paying the veterans was over they were invited to a banquet provided by the Town Council and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The 100th Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment, now stationed at Kilkenny, Ireland, is expected to be ordered on service to the East Indies shortly.

Letters have been received here from Captain Allen Young, and one officer of the Pandora, dated Disco Aug. 6th, and Way Gart Straits, Aug. 9th, the voyage was pleasant. They had some collisions with icebergs, but the vessel was not injured. The crew was working well. In Ircgite Bay they saw the steamer Fox.

Latest advices from Calcutta state that Lieutenant Gen. Sir Frederick P. Haines, commander of the troops at Madras, will succeed Lord Napier, of Magdala, as commander-in-chief.

It is reported that Germany will demand this year an addition of six million marks to the military estimate.

The Morning Post, reports that Holland has sent five men-of-war to the Caribbean Sea, to watch the movements of the Venezuelan.

Italy will appoint a committee of Italians, resident in America, to act at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. The Pope will send two mosaics, representing the Madonna, by Raphael, and St. Agnes, by Gentili.

About noon on Tuesday, the 12th, a high wind blew down the unfinished agricultural hall on the centennial grounds at Philadelphia. The building was about one third completed, and was entirely of wood. Eight labourers were injured—five seriously; one is since reported dead.

An Admiralty minute appears exonerating Admiral Sir W. Parry commanding the fleet, and Captain Hickey of the Iron Duke, from responsibility for the sinking of the iron clad Vanguard.

The latest advices from Hong Kong state that a hostile feeling is manifested in the North of China against foreigners. All the British men of war at Osaka, Japan, have been ordered to Chinese waters, and the squadron at Yokohama has received orders to sail for the same destination.

The British and French Governments are in communication in regard to the most advisable steps to be taken relative to the Turkish debt.

The Prince of Wales sailed for India on the 13th he was accompanied by the Princess Alexandra as far as Calais.

Latest advices from Shanghai state that the authorities at Peking have not yet complied with the demands of Great Britain, and that the prospects of a peaceful solution of the question of dispute between the two Powers are by no means flattering.

The World of the 14th says that Gladstone has assured his family that he will never resume the Liberal leadership.

The English steamer Biscay, belonging to the port of Newcastle, has stranded off Jutland, while on a voyage from Cronstadt to Bromorhaven. Eleven persons were drowned. The Biscay was an iron steamer, built in 1872, and was owned in London.

The Kaiserhof (hotel), in this city, has been totally destroyed by fire. It was the finest structure of the kind in Germany. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

General Saballs will be summoned to appear before a Carlist Court Martial for his failure.

The Spanish note in reply to the Vatican is conciliatory, but dignified in character, the ministers declaring that they are willing to make every possible concession, but, at the same time that they are bound by every sense of duty and honour, to maintain the clause of the Constitution establishing religious toleration.

A Strasburg paper states that the sword given up by Napoleon III. to King William was handed over by Prince Bismark in March, 1871, to General Castellanau, who went to Berlin for that purpose under an assumed name.

A telegram from Athens says:—The British Legation has informed the Greek Government that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will leave Italy tomorrow (the 16th of October), and will visit Athens on his way to India. The Government has appointed a commission to make all preparations for suitably receiving the Prince. It is composed of the Prefect, the Mayors of Athens and the Piræus, the Prefect of Police, and the chief engineer of the municipality.

Mr. W. H. Gladstone, M. P. for Whitby, son of the late Premier, was married on the 30th ult., to the Hon. Gertrude Stuart, youngest daughter of Lord Blantyre.

London, 15th.—There were heavy gales around the coast of Great Britain yesterday. The Telegraph has already announced the wreck of several coasters and loss of a number of lives.

London, 15th.—The Daily News special from Vienna, says Russia is preparing an expedition against Bokhara, out of revenge for the assistance rendered by the latter to the Khokand insurgents.

The Prince of Wales has sailed from Brindisi, on his Indian tour.