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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. BOWELL's motion for the expulsion of RIEL from the House of Commons came up on Wednesday, and a long and acrimonious debate ensued, and late on Thursday night a vote was taken which resulted in the expulsion of RIEL by a very large majority—124 to 68.

Immediately thereafter Dr. SCHULTZ moved that the SPEAKER do issue a writ for the election of a member to represent the constituency of Provencher just declared vacant which was carried.

The increase of duties by the Finance Minister on Spirits and Tobaccos was pretty generally anticipated throughout the country, and as a consequence large quantities have been withdrawn from bond. The increase on Teas, Coffees, and Sugars, is a surprise in most quarters. General merchants believe that whiskey will not bear one dollar a gallon, but will give rise to smuggling.

We understand that the hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries expresses great confidence in the success of reciprocal relations with the United States.

It is said that Mr. E. V. BOWELL, M. P., has been appointed Superintendent of the Welland Canal, which will necessitate a new election for the constituency of North Oxford.

A petition is being largely signed in the neighborhood of St. Catharines, asking the Minister of Public Works to have a double set of locks and tenders all along the Welland canal.

The Hamilton and North western Railway are proceeding with preliminary steps for the construction of their line from Barrie to the Georgian Bay.

The by-law of the Hamilton Corporation in reference to broad tires for heavy waggons, is to be vigorously enforced henceforward.

An American lady is at present in London, Ont., lecturing with a view to promote a local crusade upon the liquor saloons.

The Queen has sent a message to the House of Commons recommending a grant of £25,000 to General Sir Garnet WOLSELEY.

The London morning journals generally approve of the Budget. The Times points to the fact that the revenue of the coming year is estimated on an unprecedentedly liberal scale, and considers the proposed reduction of the debt small in comparison.

In the House of Lords, Earl Russell gave notice that on May 4th he should ask for copies of correspondence of the British Gov-

ernment with the Governments of Germany, France, Russia, and Austria relative to the maintenance of peace; also that he should call for copies and for instructions sent to Sir E. THORNTON, Minister at Washington, in regard to the Oregon boundary question, and further, for an account of compensation made by the United States for damages caused by the Fenian Raids on Canada.

JONAS HOLMES, Q. C., has been appointed Solicitor General, and has accepted the appointment.

The inhabitants of Lambeth and vicinity are erecting temporary embankments on the Thames in anticipation of another high tide.

By an explosion in a coal mine at Dunkinfield, near Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire, a large number of miners were killed and injured. Thirty bodies have been recovered. It is feared many more remain in the mine.

The military tribunal has acquitted Col. STOFFEL of the charge of suppressing the despatches from BAZAINE to McMANON.

The steamship Malice, with LIVINGSTONE'S body on board, arrived at Southampton on the 15th. The Mayor formally received the remains at 11 a.m. People congregated in large numbers along the route of the funeral procession. The Merchants closed their stores and flags were flying at half-mast.

A London special says fifty thousand people were present at the landing of LIVINGSTONE'S body. STANLEY was selected as one of the pall-bearers. WAINWRIGHT, on meeting him, recognized him, and gave him a circumstantial account of LIVINGSTONE'S lost hours.

Officers and members of the Royal Geographical Society went to Southampton to receive the remains of Dr. LIVINGSTONE.

The funeral of Dr. LIVINGSTONE took place on the 18th, at Westminster Abbey. It was attended by an immense throng. The Queen and Prince of Wales sent their carriages as a mark of respect.

A special Calcutta says the famine is every where under control, and further subscriptions are considered superfluous.

A Berlin despatch says Archbishop LEDOUROUSKI for violation of the Ecclesiastical Laws has been sentenced to dismissal from his See, with no appeal from the judgment.

The French Government has advised LESSEPS, President of the Suez Canal Company, to accept the decision of the International Commissioner.

L'Americusunk near the Island of Ushant, off the coast of Brittany, 26 miles N.W.N. of Brest. The passengers and crew were rescued by English, Norwegian and Italian vessels which were in the vicinity. An Italian vessel arrived at Brest with the crew.

M DE LESSERS threatens to dismiss his pilots and extinguish the lights in the light houses of the Suez Canal, thus virtually closing the Canal.

The Bishop Pernambuco has been pardoned.

The Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH, of Austria, has sent a conciliatory reply to the Pope's recent protest against the Ecclesiastical bills. It is understood that the opposition of the Vatican is merely formal. The Upper House of the Reichsrath on Monday passed the Ecclesiastical bills, whereupon the Bishops withdrew in a body.

The French Government has issued a circular prohibiting attacks by the papers upon the establishment of the Septennat, and declaring that President McMANON'S powers are incontestable.

The Carlist force that was before Gerona has retired, the municipal authorities having paid them 100,000 reals to desist from blockading the city.

A majority of 78 in the German Reichstag voted for the Army Bill Compromise.

A compromise has been effected with regard to the German Military Bill, limiting the strength of the army to 401,000 men, and the period of service to seven years.

The steamship Victor Emmanuel arrived at Portsmouth from the Gold Coast with invalid soldiers. Nineteen died on the way home.

The steamship Greece has arrived at New York.

An Extradition Treaty between Salvador and the United States has been officially promulgated.

A Memphis despatch says the crevasse on the Mississippi is now a hundred yards wide, and fears of a general inundation are entertained.

JEFF DAVIS is in England; his health continues poor.

A railroad is to be constructed from the base of Mount Vesuvius to the edge of the crater. It is to be worked by ropes.

Virginia gentlemen were last week engaged in the delightful labor of knocking the ices off the peach blossoms in their gardens.

Between Winnipeg and the Lake of the Woods there exist extensive beds of excellent peat, in the immediate neighborhood, if not on the very line of the Taunton Bay branch.

The Mayor of Cincinnati has got into trouble with the ladies engaged in the liquor crusade, by attempting to remove a sentry box from the sidewalk in front of a grocery shop,