

MONTHLY RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—The Royal Government of Hungary is preparing measures for the emancipation of the Jews in that kingdom.

—The war contributions levied by Prussia last year amounted to upwards of fifty millions of dollars.

—Extensive reforms are to be introduced in the discipline and management of the Austrian army.

—Count Von Eismarck has been appointed Chancellor of the North German Confederation.

—It is reported that the general elections for the Dominion of Canada, will take place in August.

—The Austrian Government has granted an amnesty to all political offenders, including Kossuth.

—In the Province of Ontario, General Stisted has been sworn in as Lieut. Governor, and has sent for the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald to form an administration.

—The English Government warned by the landing of the squad of Fenians at Dungarvon, have stationed men-of-war in the Channel to guard against the repetition of similar attempts.

—The youngest sister of Robert Burns the poet, and the sole surviving child of the family circle of which he was the eldest brother, died a few days since near Ayr.

—There have been very serious anti-popery riots in the city of Birmingham, excited by the appeals of a crazy fanatic named Murphy.

—Lord Lyons has entered upon his duties as Ambassador of Her Britanic Majesty, to the court of Napoleon the 3rd, in the place of Lord Cowley.

—It is reported that Napoleon and Empress Eugenie intend to visit the Czar of Russia and King William of Prussia at their respective capitals early in the coming autumn.

—A detachment of regular troops has been ordered to Abyssinia, to compel the King to release the British subjects held prisoners there for a long time past.

—Arrangements have been made for the exchange of the rifles now in possession of the Volunteers for Snider-Enfield breach loading rifles.

—Five hundred and twenty soldiers, including drafts for some of the regiments in garrison in Ontario, arrived by the Canadian mail steamer Nova Scotian, Col. Anderson in command.

—The French Government has granted a concession to the new Franco-American Telegraph Company, which proposes to lay a Submarine Cable from Brest to some point on the American coast.

—The Secretary of the American Navy says that the country has not at the present moment men or officers to man a single gunboat. The difficulty of manning the U. S. navy becomes greater every day.

—The International Congress for the regulation of gold and silver coinage, now in session, of which Prince Napoleon is President, has fixed upon the gold 5 franc piece and its multiples as a basis for a uniform currency in Europe and America.

—The constitution of the North German confederation having been adopted by the Prussian Diet, received the royal signature on the 25th June, of King William of Prussia. The constitution went into effect on the 1st day of July.

—A splendid addition has been made to the fleet of Messrs. Cunard, the fine screw steamship "Russia" having lately arrived in the Mersey from the Clyde, where she was built by Messrs. James and George Thompson.

—The Turkish Viceroy of Egypt has at length obtained permission from the Sultan to assume the title of King, a step which will probably result ere long in the separation of Egypt from Turkey. King Ismail is the first King of Egypt since Ptolemy the 12th, the husband of the famous Cleopatra, by whom he was murdered. Egypt on the whole contains seven-and-a-half millions of inhabitants.

—A proposition for a simultaneous reduction of the military establishments of all the great European powers, is much talked of and it is said the project does not meet with an unfavorable reception in official quarters.

—The North American went ashore at 11 o'clock Sunday night, the 16th ultimo, one-and-a-half miles off the south point of the Island of Anticosti. No lives lost. The passengers and crew were all well, and the mails and baggage landed, and sent in by a subsequent steamer.

—In the House of Commons on the evening of the 1st inst., Lord Stanley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated that his Government was making slow progress in the negotiations with the Government of the United States in regard to the Alabama claims, but he did not despair of achieving a happy result.

—It appears that a daring attempt was made to rescue the Fenian prisoners at Waterford on Thursday, the 13th ult. The military and police came to close quarters with the rioters. A number of rioters were bayoneted, and two deaths have taken place therefrom, the second one being reported to-day.

—The Mexicans have committed the terrible crime of murdering Maximilian, and since of shooting Santa Anna. The intelligence of the murder of the late Emperor created the most profound sensation throughout Europe, and military reviews, fetes, &c., have been abandoned in England and France out of respect for his memory.

—The first day of July, the natal day of the new Dominion of Canada, was most loyally celebrated throughout all the Provinces. In most of the cities the day was ushered in by the firing of cannon and the ringing of bells; then came religious services in many of the churches, and then military and other displays, winding up in the evening with fireworks and general illuminations. The celebrations everywhere were most loyal and patriotic, and evinced a hearty confidence in the new state of things, which augurs well for the prosperity of the country in the future.

—Lord Monck, as Governor General of this Dominion, was sworn in on the 1st instant at the Seat of Government. After taking the oath of office, His Excellency in the name of the Queen conferred the title of Knight Commander of the Bath on Mr. John A. Macdonald, and that of Companion of the Bath on Hon. Messrs. Howland, McDougall, Cartier, Tilley, and Tupper. The troops, comprising 24 companies of horse, foot, and artillery, fired a *feu de joie* at noon, and were reviewed by Lord Monck and staff, and Adjutant General McDougall.

—The new administration of the Dominion has been formed under the Premiership of Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., and includes the following gentlemen: President of Council, Hon. Mr. Blair, Hon. Mr. Galt, Minister of Finance, Hon. Mr. Howland, Minister of Excise, Hon. Mr. Tilley, Customs, Hon. Mr. Campbell, Post-master General, Hon. Mr. McDougall, Public Works, Hon. Mr. Cartier, Minister of Militia, Sir J. A. Macdonald, Minister of Justice, Hon. Mr. Langevin, Secretary of State, Hon. Mr. Archibald, Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. Mr. Chapin, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Mr. Kenney, Receiver General.

—Sir Narcisse Belleau has been appointed Lieut. Governor of the Province of Quebec. He called upon Hon. Mr. Cauchon to form a Government, and it was understood that the following gentlemen will compose the administration: Premier and Solicitor General, Mr. Cauchon, Attorney-General, Mr. Dunkin, Finance Minister, H. Starnes, Provincial Secretary, Mr. Archambault, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Z. Ouimet, Commissioner of Public Works, Mons. Beaubien, Speaker of Council, Mr. Irvine. It turned out, however, that some difficulty in relation to the school law, prevented the English member from accepting his office, and in despair he gave up the task. Mr. Chauveau, Superintendent of education, was then sent for, and is now engaged in the task of forming an administration.

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