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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Ottawa may now boast of having a Bank of its own. Last week a meeting of the Shareholders of the Ottawa Bank was held, Directors appointed, who, at a subsequent meeting elected the following persons to manage the affairs of the Bank, viz:—James McLaren, Esq., President; Charles Magee, Esq., Vice President; and Wm. McKay Wright, Esq., Solicitor. These appointments seem to give general satisfaction.

The engineers of the Huron and Quebec Railway Company are making rapid progress in locating the line from Perth to the city of Ottawa, via Franktown and Richmond. The line now being surveyed is the most practicable, and will open up the most valuable mineral deposits of the country.

The Brockville Recorder learns that nearly \$4,000 in the stock has been subscribed to ward an Eastern Fair, and that the Directors have purchased 20 acres of land belonging to the Jones estate, situated directly in the rear of the centre of the town, near the track of the B. & O. Railway. Men are already engaged in constructing the track.

The Dominion Government has contracted for 30,000 tons of steel rails for the Pacific Railway branches now being graded.

There were shipped from Belleville on the 11th inst., 4,000 boxes of cheese and one car load of butter. The cheese factories are nearly all closed now, and, we believe, have mostly sold out at very satisfactory prices.

At an early hour on Tuesday morning, the 17th inst., the steamer *Empire* sank at her dock at New Orleans, carrying down many of her sleeping passengers and crew. The catastrophe is said to have resulted from overloading, which it is supposed broke the vessel's back.

The work of removing the freight from the sunken "*Empire*" reveals the cabin broken loose and many of the bodies swept away, including those of the Kemper family and all the other women, cabin boy, pantry men, waiters, &c.

A floating battery built at Hoboken, N. J., at a cost of \$1,000,000, has been disposed of for old iron.

President Grant paid a graceful tribute to his predecessor at the dedication of the Lincoln monument a few days since in Springfield, Illinois, by saying, "In his death the nation lost its greatest hero."

The *Kreuz Zeitung* says that Count Von Arnim, after his release on bail from imprisonment, found several of the missing docu-

ments, which were only mislaid. He delivered them to his counsel, Dr. Munkel, with instructions to deliver them immediately to the Municipal Court of Berlin, which the latter did. The possibility of Dr. Munkel having acquainted himself with the contents of those documents appears to have been the reason for the rearrest of the Count.

The second arrest of Count Von Arnim has caused a painful impression in this city. The moderate newspapers insist upon an explanation by the Government.

The trial of Count Von Arnim has been postponed till December 9th.

Three Egyptian men-of-war are blockading the seaport of Barbara, Africa, and prevent the shipment of merchandise to this station. A British gunboat has been despatched to the blockaded port.

The Carlists have again occupied positions around Irun. They have re-taken Oyarzun and cut the railway and waggon road to San Sebastian.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby has been elected Lord Rector of the University of Edinburgh by a majority of 187 over the Right Hon. Lyon Playfair, who is the representative in the House of Commons of the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews.

The sword bayonet to be issued with the Martini Henry rifle is a very light weapon, weighing, with the scabbard, but two and a quarter pounds. The back of the blade, which is as keen as a razor, is armed half way up with board teeth like a saw, affording great assistance in the guard to a sword cut, and also in a variety of other ways to the soldier. It has already been used in active service in the Ashantee war. The officers of the Forty second—or "Black Watch"—on their return from that campaign spoke very highly in praise of the new weapon. They found it invaluable for clearing away the dense, tangled undergrowth of the African forest.

The Cork, Ireland, *Examiner* of the 7th inst. says, Archbishop Manning lately addressed a large and influential assembly of laymen and ecclesiastics at his London residence upon the position of the church, and the future policy of the Catholic party in Europe. Adverting to Gladstone's work on the Vatican Council the Archbishop told his audience that they were on the eve of one of the mightiest controversies that the religious world has seen for three hundred years, but he did not tear the result. They must not fear to declare to England and the world through the Press of England, the Sovereign Pontiff's claim to infallibility, his

right to temporal power and the duty of the nations of the earth to return their allegiance to him. If they did this, if they proclaimed this with no uncertain sound, Protestants of England and Protestants throughout the world would hear them and be convinced.

The Polar exploring expedition to be fitted out by the British Government, will consist of two steamers. Captain Markham, of the Royal Navy will command one of them. The expedition will start for the Arctic regions next May.

A meeting of Roman Catholics was held at Willis' rooms, on the 18th to consider the questions raised in the controversy between Mr. Gladstone and Archbishop Manning. Speeches were made denouncing the imputations and the assumption in the recent pamphlet on the Vatican decrees and a resolution was immediately adopted declaring that the civil loyalty of the Roman Catholics is not affected by the decree of papal infallibility.

Special despatches from London bring important news from Mr. Stanley, dated at Zanzibar, October 19. By his survey of the delta of the Rufiji River he has found two navigable channels into the interior of Africa; these river courses are crossed by the route of the slave trade. Mr. Stanley thinks that by stationing a steam launch properly armed, upon the river, the slave trade could be easily and completely broken up.

Marshal Bazaine has gone to Madrid, where it is expected he will reside permanently with his family, and take active part in Spanish politics.

The *Journal Des Debats* publishes a violent editorial attack on Disraeli for his disclaimer that his recent Guildhall speech referred to the Von Arnim case. The *Debats* say that Mr. Disraeli has simply apologised to Prince Bismarck for his offensive utterances.

Picasoli Peruzzi La Marmora and Garibaldi have been elected to the Chamber of Deputies. The latter was returned by two districts of Rome but was defeated in Milan. The Republican agitator, Staff was defeated in three districts, and elected in one in Rimini. Up to this time 122 members of the Right have been returned, against 54 of the Left.

Advices from Russian advance posts on the Amudari, report that Colonel Ivanhoff is preparing to cross the river with an armed force to punish the marauding Turcoman tribes, which the Khan of Khiva is unable to control.

The *Daily Telegraph* announces that the infant son of the Duke of Edinburgh has been christened Albert Alexander.