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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

We are glad to learn that a saluting Battery is shortly to be erected on Major's Hill. His Excellency the Governor General left Ottawa yesterday for Europe.

We understand the By-Law Committee of the City Council have drafted a By-Law for the granting of a bonus of \$100,000 to the Canada Central Railway, conditionally upon the company completing the extension of the road to Pembroke within the term of twelve months, and upon their giving bonds for the construction of a direct road from Ottawa to Arnprior within five years.

The aggregate amount of the contracts let on account of the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway is \$7,010,480. Of this amount \$2,649,295 will be expended between Ottawa and Lake Nipissing.

While repairing a gas reservoir attached to the house of the Hon. T. N. Gibbs, Oshawa, one of the men used a lighted match to test a current of air in connection with the machine. It was supposed the reservoir had been cleared of gas, but the match was no sooner lighted than an explosion took place. Four men including Mr. Gibbs, were injured and burnt, but none of them fatally.

Capt. Dick, of the steamer *City of Toronto* reported that on the morning of the 27th ult., he found the Lake frozen over all the way from Toronto to Niagara a quarter to half an inch thick. He never knew of such an occurrence before, and attributes it to the dead calm prevailing the night previous.

The *Ontario Gazette* contains a notice by Hon. Mr. McKellar, calling upon all persons claiming any portion of the reward offered for the bringing the murderer of Thomas Scott to trial, to send in their claims and the evidence of what action they have taken to enable them to share in the reward.

The large emigration, some ten thousand, now on the way to the Province of Manitoba, is likely to double the trade and population of Winnipeg during the coming summer.

The Bank of Montreal has declared a dividend of seven per cent for the half year just closed. \$300,000 is carried to the 'rest.'

The competition for places on the team to take part in the International Match in June next, took place on Saturday at Creedmoor. The following are some of the scores made: Capt. H. Fulton, 153; Gen. T. S. Dakin, 146; Col. H. A. Gildersleeve, 145; G. W. Yull, 139; A. V. Caulfield, jr., 131; R. C. Calemant, 123. The shots were made at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, and would have been better but for the unfavorable state of the weather for shooting.

The proclamation of Lord Northbrook, Viceroy of India, settles the difficulty in the Residency of Baroda, of which Mulhar Rao, who was charged with an attempt to poison the British representative, was prince. The trial of the prince was brought to a standstill by the disagreement of the quasi-legal commission appointed to determine the case, and the Viceroy assumed a somewhat bold, but perhaps well warranted stand by taking the case out of the hands of the tribunal and dealing out judgment himself. His proclamation declares that the Guikwar and all his issue are precluded from all rights appertaining to the sovereignty of the country. The Viceroy announced that his decided action is based, not so much upon the recent trial, as upon the notorious misconduct and the general misgovernment and incapacity of the Guikwar. In his belief the restoration of Mulhar Rao to power would be much against the true interests of Baroda, and he has, therefore, deemed it proper to ostracize him and his posterity from power. But Mulhar Rao belongs to a line who have held sway in Baroda from time immemorial, and in view of the veneration in which the natives hold a ruler of such decent, and the importance they attach to family antiquity, the Viceroy has concluded not to take the princely sovereignty away from the family but will select one of the Guikwar's family to reign.

An insurrection is reported from Cuba, but the rebels were put down and dispersed, seventy of their number being killed.

A terrible scourge is reported from Tennessee in the shape of buffalo gnats, many small planters in that State being ruined in consequence of their horses and mules having been killed by these pests. It is stated that 200 horses and mules have died in three days in one district.

It is rumored in diplomatic circles in Berlin that the German Government, desirous not to lose sight of the new military organization in France, has sent a number of superior officers to Paris charged with giving it the fullest information as to the progress of that organization.

New and stringent orders have been issued to give a wide berth to curious spectators hanging about the new fortifications of Paris. There are wonderful stories current of German spies taking plans of the forts with a newly-invented and almost microscopic photographic apparatus.

A French Christian Brother, returning from a mission to the Caspian Sea brought with him a plant said to be an infallible remedy for scurvy. Mr. Domeaux has presented a report on its merit to the Academy of Sciences, from which it appears that the plant can be acclimatized in Europe and will prove of the greatest value.

The ceremony of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Masons of Great Britain took place in the Albert Hall, in the presence of an immense concourse of Masons.

The workmen of West London are taking steps to present Dr. Kenealy with a handsome silver inkstand.

A Bavarian marksman recently split with a rifle ball an apple on the head of his boy, a lad of eleven years, at a distance of 210 feet, and was going to repeat it when the neighbours interfered.

It is said that Gustav Dore is to receive \$50,000 for a series of designs for a new edition of Shakespeare.

The Orleans Princes continue to sell their estates in Brittany. The farm of Quellebe'longing to them has just been sold for 2,500,000 francs.

The British Admiralty is directing attention to the importance of affording means whereby all seamen in the service may be taught to swim.

The Chinese Government have applied through the regular diplomatic channel for the admission into the English Navy of a number of Chinese cadets.

An American passed a short time in Berlin recently with his Persian bride, whom he purchased of her father in Teheran, where he was engaged in the fur traffic.

Orders have been circulated throughout the British Navy for the recognition and salute of the Spanish Monarchical flag by ships of war at home and in foreign ports.

Sir John Hawkshaw, the eminent engineer, has undertaken the task of cleansing the river Clyde, in Scotland. It is a work of magnitude, and will doubtless occupy several months.

The best result ever attained with any gun in existence is said to have been arrived at a few days ago with a 38-ton Woolwich gun, at the proof butts in the Government marshes, adjoining the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. The gun was being fired to determine the proper proof charge for guns of its class, and when discharged with 150 pounds of gunpowder and an 800-pound projectile it recorded the extraordinary velocity of 1,503 feet per second, the pressure on the inner surface of the gun at the same time remaining moderate. This result is due to the use of the newly-designed cubical gunpowder.

At the reception given to M. Chivalier, the distinguished French economist in Birmingham, John Bright said speaking of free trade, that it was ludicrous for the United States to invite foreign manufacturers to compete at an exhibition when a protective tariff prevented them from competing in American Markets.