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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

At a meeting of the members of the Agricultural and Arts Association, held in Toronto on the 16th inst., the time for holding the next exhibition at Ottawa was fixed for Monday, the 20th September, 1875, and five following days. After paying over \$15,000 premiums for the year and all other expenses, the Treasurer announced that the balance on hand was \$18,700.

Rev. Lechlin Taylor, who is acting as Immigration agent in Scotland, says, "Canada can receive 100,000,000 more people than it has now."

A company is being formed to build another bridge over the St. Lawrence at Montreal. Mr. Legge is the Engineer. A charter will be secured at the coming session of Parliament.

The Legislature of Manitoba has been dissolved, and the writs for a general election issued. The nominations will take place throughout the Province on the 25th inst., and the polling on the 2nd of January.

Kingston papers say the Agricultural Meeting held in that city on the 16th inst., was very successful in its object. Delegates were present from the various societies between Belleville and Brockville, and it was resolved, with the hearty promise of co-operation of all present to hold a Grand Central Eastern Fair at Kingston next Fall.

A meeting of the directors of the Canada Central and Northern Colonization Railroad companies, will shortly be held in Montreal, for the purpose of effecting arrangements for a junction of the two roads at Ottawa, and possibly for an amalgamation of the two companies. The Canada Central is willing to come to any reasonable arrangement for the running of trains over its line.

It is now ascertained that Dallas, the Toronto Manager of Molson's Bank, took \$40,000 with him. It is said they are all in \$1,000 notes, and it is expected this fact will enable the detectives to catch him when negotiating them.

The French Canadian residents of Boston, have petitioned the Governor General of Canada asking an amnesty for Lapine, Riel and the other Manitoba insurrectionists.

The losses by the recent conflagrations in Boston amount to \$735,000; insurance, \$201,000.

Reports have reached Chicago that a number of men have reached the Black Hills region, where they have fortified themselves against attack. It is said they have found gold in paying quantities.

From Havana we learn that an unsuccessful attempt to capture Fort Casorro was made on Nov. 30th by a force of 1000 insurgents. 800 men were waiting the result in an ambush. By a vigorous repulse the commander was killed and several others were killed or wounded. The whole body of insurgents then came up, and the fight became general, the insurgents being routed with severe loss. The Spanish forces were also victorious in Remedios district on the 2nd and 3rd insts., dispersing the rebel horsemen and a small force of infantry.

Two of the old cannons used in the revolutionary war at the old fort at Cambridge-Abbeville county, S. C., were sold at \$5 each the other day, and were sent to Charleston. The cannon were about three feet long, with a bore large enough to shoot a lemon, and could easily be carried by a man.

The suppression of the religious order of Sisters of charity has been decided by the Mexican Congress by a vote of 113 against fifty seven.

Admiral Warden, of the United States Navy, was before the House Naval Committee on the 15th inst., in the advocacy of a bill to pay him and the officers and crew of the *Monitor*, who participated in the action with the confederate iron clad *Merrimack*, such a sum as shall be duly found to have been the actual value of the *Merrimack* and her armament at the date of the action, the value to be fixed by a commission of three naval officers to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy.

Gov. Osborne of Kansas estimates the number of people in the western counties, who are in want of aid during the coming winter, 25,000. A large proportion of these are now in want.

The United States Congress has been asked to appropriate \$12,000 for the survey of a canal route from Aspinwall to Panama. The Panama route has many advocates among them, some of the first engineers of the country and Europe. The route is claimed to be shorter than any other, and the elevation less by several hundred feet. The river furnishes abundance of water for all purposes. If a canal should be located on this route, the Panama railroad would be used to facilitate the work of its construction.

The *Journal de St Petersburg* complains of the attacks in the English journals on the proposed re-opening of the International Code Conference, and says their unfavorable comments may lead to the settlement of the questions involved without the assistance or participation of Great Britain.

The *Lecant Herald* publishes distressing accounts of the famine in Asia Minor. The prospect is represented as appalling.

The first levy for the Russian Army, which takes place this month, will raise 150,000 men. The new military system provides Russia with 2,000,000 defenders in case of war.

The horse shambles of Paris supplied the public during the third quarter of the present year with nearly 630,000 pounds of meat, the result of the slaughter of 1,555 horses, mules and asses.

The *Voce della Verita*, the organ of the Jesuits at Rome, says that "the overthrow of Prussia is necessary to strike a fatal blow at the spirit of individuality and rebellion against the Papacy."

Two Irish priests who have left the Catholic Church have written a letter to Archbishop Manning, in which they support Mr. Gladstone's view that those who obey the Papal decrees cannot pay due allegiance to the civil power.

The German remarks that the Thames embankment is gradually becoming the handsomest boulevard in Europe. When its trees, now doing so well, and gardens have had time to develop themselves, the embankment will be finer than anything of the kind in Paris or elsewhere.

Intelligence has just been received by the Royal Geographical Society, announcing that Mr. Foster had completed an extraordinary journey across Northern Australia, starting from Champion Bay, in the west, he has successfully passed through all the unknown district eastward.

The British barque *Lyttleton*, Captain Yormer, has been wrecked in Algoa Bay, on the south east coast of Africa.

The Czar of Russia has sent the order of St. Andrew to President MacMahon, with a very friendly letter. The circumstance is much commented on.

Berlin, 17th.—Prince Bismarck had an interview with the Emperor on the 17th. Rumors of his resignation are still repeated, but in some parliamentary circles it is reported that the difficulty has been completely settled. The opinion is almost unanimously held, that the action of the Reichstag was not a vote of want of confidence, and it is considered certain that even if the Chancellor has tendered his resignation the Emperor will not accept it.

A Berlin despatch says Count Von Arnim has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment, deducting from the period which he has already spent in confinement in jail.