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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THE MAJOR GENERAL Commanding the Militia, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain the Hon Miles Stapleton, Captain WARD, A.D.C., to His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL, and the Hon. Mr. FITZWILLIAM, brother of Lord MURRAY, left Fort Garry on the 19th inst., to cross the Rocky Mountains for Victoria, B.C. The Major General will be absent between two or three months.

Canadians will enjoy the benefits of the new International Postal Treaty immediately after the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie returns.

A cable despatch says:—Earl Dufferin, the Duke of Cambridge, Earl Carnarvon, Hon. George Brown, Sir John Ross and Edward Jenkins, M.P., visited the Canadians at Wimbledon to-day, and attended Col. Gzowski's garden party, at which 400 were present. The Duke of Cambridge and the Earl of Carnarvon made speeches, in which they congratulated the Canadian riflemen—who were paraded for the occasion—on their success in winning prizes.

The Militia Department are now busy in perfecting the arrangements for the payment of the money granted last session to the veterans of 1812-15. An officer is to visit the different sections of the country and examine into the claims of all those who have made application for the pension.

A meeting of the council of the Kingston Rifle Association was held on Monday, 19th inst., and it was decided to have the annual match come off on Tuesday the 11th September and the following days. Dr. J. K. Oliver, the Secretary, is making the necessary arrangements to have the ranges put in good order. The firing and targets this year are to be under the new system of scoring and targets, viz., in accordance with the new Wimbledon regulations.

We are informed by the Department of Militia that the Ordnance guns of Fort William, Prescott, presented to the Dominion by Her Majesty, will be utilized in the erection of a saluting battery on Major's Hill, under the charge of the Ottawa Brigade Garrison Artillery.

We are informed that the Hon. A. B. Foster has offered to Mr. Walter Shanly, the appointment of Consulting Engineer of the Georgian Bay Railway. It is understood that Mr. Shanly has accepted.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., the English Commission, in connection with the Centennial Exhibition of 1876, at Philadelphia, broke ground for the erection of their buildings, four in number, at Farmouth Park, being the first foreign nation to commence operations. We may look forward to a creditable representation of the Empire at the American World's Fair.

The Hon. A. B. Foster has proceeded up the Ottawa in connection with the proposed extension of the Canada Central Railway to Pembroke and the mouth of French River. The work is expected to commence almost immediately.

A telegram from Lindsay, July 21st, gives the following particulars of a destructive conflagration; A very destructive fire occurred at Millbrook last night, about 1 o'clock, and burned about forty buildings in the business part of the village; both of the telegraph offices were burned. They lay the blame to Forepaugh's showmen, as they were performing there last night. The loss is over \$150,000; insured for \$54,000.

The appeal of Sir John Dalrymple Hay, former director of the Canadian Oil Wells Corporation, against Vice-Chancellor Malins' decree of June 5th, ordering the repayment of £1,000 to the official liquidator of the Corporation, has been dismissed. The Lords Justices, in refusing to reverse the Vice-Chancellor's judgment, said that in every case where the directors had made profit out of their position, they must pay the uttermost farthing.

Rumors are rife of trouble in the North West Territory. One version is that the Half-breed settlers at Fort Laurin, in the neighborhood of Fort Carleton, unnecessarily alarmed at a possibility of their rights of occupation not being respected, had held a public meeting at which resolutions were passed threatening some sort of opposition to the constituted authorities, unless their claims were recognized. An effort was made without success to induce the Crees to join their party, and prevent operations in the construction of the Pacific Railway telegraph line. Also that the Mounted Police have made themselves obnoxious to traders and others in searching after contraband articles. Another theory is that the plain hunters are incensed at new hunting regulations. Conjectures are numerous. The whole affair is yet a mystery, though there can be no doubt that something serious has happened.

Lieutenant General W. O'Grady Hay, the officer commanding in chief in Canada, and administering the Government, is gazetted to the rank of a Knight Commander of the Bath. Captain Wright, R. N., a resident of Kingston, is gazetted a Companion of the Order. Colonel John Dyde, the oldest militia officer in the Dominion, has also been created a Companion of the same.

A strange discovery has been made at Buckingham Palace. While some workmen were engaged in pulling down a wall a large quantity of valuable gold and silver plate of about the time of George III., and worth several thousand pounds, was found.

The anniversary of the victory of Lundy's lane, which was fought on the 25th July, 1814, will be celebrated by the United Canadian Association on Queenston Heights, on Monday, 26th July, 1875, by a grand picnic, in which the following societies will take part. York Pioneers, Grimsby Pioneers, Hamilton Natiye, St. Catharines' Historical, and Loyal Canadian Society of Niagara.

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Despite unfavourable weather and continuous rain the match for the challenge cup occurred to-day the 21st, and was won by Major Henry Fulton of the American team. The following is the score in the shooting to-day for the American challenge: Fulton 133, Canfield 126, Coleman 119, Bruce 117, Ballard 108, Gilderslove, 105.

The *Telegraph* and *Daily News* Vienna despatch says it is rumored that Russia and Germany intend to grant military furloughs on a large scale next year. One of the Vienna papers urges Austria to follow and thus show that the alliance between three Emperors is worth something.

The *Chicago Times* of the 21st inst., has telegrams from nine hundred counties, showing the condition of the crops. All over the western States they indicate a full crop, principally of grains, everywhere, and very large crops in many localities; also, unusual large crops of grasses.

A cable telegram says: "Heavy rains in inland counties continue, and inundations are reported at Leicester, Greenfield, Forest of Dean, and Godmanchester. In many places gathered and growing crops have been destroyed, and railways are interrupted in all directions.

The *BALLOONIST*.—A later telegram from Chicago says:—It seems certain that Professor Donaldson and young Grimwood have been drowned. A tug went out yesterday and searched for a clue to the missing men, but found none. Another tug has gone in search to-day. Banum offers five hundred dollars reward for the recovery of either body.

A cable from London announces the death of Lady Franklin, widow of Sir John Franklin the Arctic Explorer.

A later despatch says the insurrection in Herzegovina, a Turkish Province on the Adriatic Sea, is of a more serious nature than was at first reported.

LONDON, July 22.—The Irish Rifle Team won the Elcho Shield. Their score was 1,506; Scotch, 1,503; English, 1,502.