

as his Grace of Manchester will be at the trouble as well as expense of seeing for himself the boundless fertile countries and inexhaustible resources belonging to the empire on this continent, and when such merits Fort Bessy will preside at a dinner to honour our soldiers, and such men as Mr. Eddy, devote their energies to the object of furthering the military spirit of the colonial dependencies. There must be every hope that the great idea will be speedily realized, and the interests of Great Britain and its people placed beyond the reach of doctrinaires. We cannot see an objectionable feature in Mr. Eddy's scheme; but we think the competition should take place at Wimbledon, in furtherance of the metropolitan idea of England being the Political Centre of the British Empire.

A Washington telegram says:—"Both the State and Treasury Departments decide that British Columbia is not entitled to the benefits of the Treaty of Washington, as far as the free importation of fish and fish oil is concerned, she not having been part of the Dominion of Canada at the time of the signing of the treaty; also that the Dominion embraced in the treaty is that portion on the Atlantic side."

The foregoing may be the strictly legal definition of the Treaty of Washington, but it remains to be seen whether these very clever casuists of the State and Treasury departments will serve the interests of the United States by enforcing this view of that very remarkable document.

There are such things as fisheries on the Pacific coast, and our Dominion government would do well to shut out our very clever neighbours from any participation therein. The true policy is to do this at once, and with a vigorous hand, as Jonathan always establishes a claim if treated with courtesy. A little more diplomacy may be necessary, but this time we shall manage to do without any more coronetted High Commissioners. Negotiations of this kind had best be left in the hands of Canadian statesmen.

A letter addressed by the Right Honorable John A. Macdonald, to the Hon. Mr. Pope, at Montreal was last week stolen out of the Montreal Post Office, and its contents published in the Montreal Herald. The possession of the letter has been traced to the Hon. John Young. The case is being investigated in the Police Court, Montreal.

The Royal Commission, appointed by His Excellency the Governor General, to take evidence and examine witnesses in the case of the so-called "Pacific Railway Scandal," assembled in this city, on Thursday, 4th, inst. On the name of Seth Huntington, M. P., being called, he was reported absent, and it is understood, will not appear, unless compelled to do so by the Court. The Hon. Sir F. Hincks has given evidence in the case and it is expected that Sir Hugh Allan will also be examined during the present week.

REVIEWS

We have to acknowledge the receipt of No. lxxiii. vol. xvii. of the *Journal of the Royal United Service Institution*. It contains the following articles:—Organization and Employment of Cavalry; Adjunct Discussion on ditto; Is a Radical Change in the Tactical Formation of our Infantry really necessary? Practical Method of Finding a Ship's Metacentre at Great Angles of Inclination; The Battle of Worth; The Euphrates Valley Route to India, in connection with the Central Asian Question; Naval Reserves; The Austrian Army; Description of the Torpedo Boats, *Fortuna* and *Triana*, United States' Navy.

THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE

RESOLUTIONS passed at a meeting held at the rooms of the Institute (15 Strand, London, Eng.), on Friday, 8th August, 1873, for considering the question of founding an Intercolonial Challenge Cup or Shield, for yearly competition.

PRESENT:—Edward Wilson, Esq., in the chair, Major Gen. Millington Syngé, R.E.; Col. T. St. L. Alcock; F. S. Dutton, Esq., C.M.G.; S. V. Morgan, Esq.; T. F. Quin, Esq.; Gisborne Molinoux, Esq.; R. H. Wallace Dunlop, Esq., J.B.; W. H. Burton, Esq.; C. W. Eddy, Esq.; M. W. Freeland, Esq.

Proposed by F. S. Dutton, Esq., seconded by W. H. Burton, Esq., and

Resolved.—1. That it is desirable that an Intercolonial Challenge Cup or Shield be founded, under the auspices of the Royal Colonial Institute, to be competed for on the same day throughout the colonies and dependencies of the British empire.

Proposed by Gisborne Molinoux, Esq., seconded by C. W. Eddy, Esq., and

Resolved.—2. That subscriptions be collected for this object, and that the Council of the Institute be invited to send the list with the sum of fifty guineas.

Proposed by T. St. L. Alcock, seconded by T. F. Quin, Esq., and

Resolved.—3. That a committee be formed for carrying the above object into effect, and to report to the Council of the Institute;—this committee to consist primarily of members of the Institute, with power to add to their number the names of gentlemen unconnected with the Institute, and residing either in England or the colonies.

THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE CHALLENGE CUP OR SHIELD.

To be competed for the same day, in the several colonies and dependencies of the Crown, or at Wimbledon, at the option of the colony, under one common code of rules, during the annual holding of the Wimbledon meeting, by teams, consisting of (say twelve) members of any Volunteer contingent.

The separate colonies of any group to be allowed to combine, in order to form a team. The superintendence of the shooting in each colony to rest with the Governor or his deputy, who will be requested to see that

the rules of the National Rifle Association are observed, and to act as umpire and telegraph the scores to the Secretary of the National Rifle Association at least two clear days before the annual presentation of prizes; and the prize to be presented to the agent general or other accredited agent of the colony that wins it, to be retained by the colony during the year for which it is won, but to be returned to the Secretary of the National Rifle Association previously to the commencement of the contest of the following year, and exhibited with the other prizes in the tent at Wimbledon, and finally to become the property of any colony which may win it for three successive years.

These rules to be subject to amendment from time to time, as the council of the Institute may seem fit,—ample notice of any such alteration being given to the agents of the different colonies; but no alteration shall be made affecting the ultimate destination of the shield.

C. W. Eddy, Secretary.

RESOLUTION adopted by the Council at meeting, on Friday, 8th August, 1873:

Proposed by General Millington Syngé, R.E., seconded by Mr. Gisborne Molinoux, and unanimously

Resolved.—That the assent of the Council be given to the scheme for founding a Challenge Cup or Shield, which has been laid before it, provided that a sufficient amount of support be given to the project.

The James surveying party arrived at San Diego (on 25th ult), from Yuma. They report that they have made a thorough exploration and search of the boundary line to the Gulf of California. They have also made important geographical discoveries, and explored this most singular and heretofore unknown coast. They overcame many dangers, and suffered much hardship. The main object of the expedition, which was to determine the feasibility of turning the waters of the Gulf of California into the Colorado desert, thereby creating a climatic change in California, has been successful, demonstrating the fact that this may be done at a comparatively small expense.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The Directors of the National Rifle Association met to-day and made arrangements for the first annual match of the Association at Creedmore on October 8th. Colonel Scoble, of the Ontario Rifle Association, Toronto, will attend with fifty Canadian riflemen. Orange Judd, of the *Agriculturist*, has given \$750 as a prize to members of the press, and other prizes will be offered by those not members of the Association, amounting to \$6,200. The members offer \$1,400, in cash and in badges \$1,400. The badges—number fifty, nine are in gold, 13 in silver and 208 in bronze. Adjutant General Rathbone from Albany inspected the targets at Creedmore. The State offers \$500 in prizes to regiments throughout the State; \$100 to each division. He personally offers \$100 as a prize.

An English volunteer rifle captain desirous the other day to cross a field with his company, came to an opening in the fence large enough to admit two persons but no more abreast. Unfortunately he could not remember the word of command which would have accomplished the difficult task of filing through; but his ingenuity did not desert him. He ordered a halt, and said—"Gentlemen, you are dismissed for one minute, when you will fall in on the other side of the fence."