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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LAST week was a notable one in Ottawa, in consequence of the Dominion Rifle Matches, and the City and County Agricultural Exhibition coming off at the same time. Both were very numerous attended. At the Agricultural Exhibition over ten thousand persons were present on the second day of the Exhibition. The Exhibition was on a much larger scale than in former years and a decided improvement in the quantity and quality of articles exhibited were observable. A full report of the Dominion Rifle Tournament will be given in our next week's issue—our present number being already occupied by all the available space at our command with the report of the Ontario Matches.

The much wanted rain, to drown out the fires that have been devastating the country, has arrived at last; and the grass is again beginning to sprout out which will prove a great blessing to the country—farmers being obliged to feed their cattle for some weeks back on the fodder they had stored up for the winter.

The people of the Southern portion of the United States, particularly that of Louisiana is now enjoying the blessings of a Democratic form of Government. Anarchy and murder is the order of the day in New Orleans, and the Federal Government is obliged to step in and restore order, and which only can be maintained by the strong arm of the military authority. A fine state of things truly!

Mr. E. W. Sewell, of Quebec, has submitted a proposition to the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to obtain a survey of the winter navigation of the river St. Lawrence, in order to ascertain the exact position of the open water.

A meeting of the citizens of Montreal will shortly be held to take into consideration the question of erecting a monument to the memory of the Hon. D'Arcy McGee in some central part of the city.

Lieut. Colonel Fairfield, the popular commanding officer of the 48th Battalion, entertained the District Staff and his own officers at his residence in the township of Ernestown, on Saturday, the 12th inst. A most agreeable day was spent, and the gallant Colonel spared no effort to make the stay of his guests as of the most agreeable character.

His Excellency the Governor General was so well pleased with the turn out of small boats which met him at Brockville on Monday the 14th, that he intends to present the clubs of that town with medals to be competed for annually.

The following are the latest items of news received from Winnipeg, Manitoba:—

The continued drought in New Brunswick is causing great inconvenience and loss to lumberers, millers and farmers. The streams were never lower than they are at present.

A gentleman from Rockwood and Grassmere reports wheat in those settlements as averaging 30 bushels to the acre.

Mr. Goulet, of the Land Office, is kept busy at the Emigration Department making entries of land for the Mennonites through the interposition of Mr. Hespeler.

The *Free Press* has been informed from a good source that the Peace River expedition party under Lindsay Russell will not proceed to the Peace River this fall, but that it will start next spring. At the same time a surveying and exploring party will start for the Bow River region, glowing accounts of the fertility and beauty of which have been furnished by Capt. Cameron and members of the Boundary Commission.

Mr. O'Leary returned from Pembina Mountains on Monday, and reports himself highly pleased with the country. He has selected three townships as a reserve for Irish Agriculturists.

Wheat along the line of Red River, between Moorhead and this city, has been harvested. The grasshoppers have not done much damage, and the crop is apparently good. Potatoes in the same locality are to be a heavy crop.

From many localities we have information that the grasshoppers' eggs are hatching in great numbers. From other places reports are coming that the eggs are decaying. This is good news, as all the grasshoppers hatched this fall will perish during the winter, and thus prevent a "visitation next year.

The *Free Press* of yesterday says: "We have been creditably informed that it is the intention of the Dominion Government to proceed immediately with the surveys of the Indian Reservations on Rainy River, and that Mr. Fowler is to conduct the same. As there are a great many intending settlers who have been anxiously waiting this movement, the news will be very gratifying.

The s. s. Scotia brings 250 passengers, including the Irish Rifle Team, the Lord Mayor of Dublin and wife, Rev. Drs. Crysler and Buddington, A. T. Stewart, Sydney Webster and Admiral Strong.

The following is the American rifle team selected to compete with the Irish team in the International match at Creedmoor on

the 26th:—H. Eulton, H. A. Gilderleeve, T. S. Dakin, D. D. Hepburn, G. W. Yale, J. J. E. Collins, J. Bodine and A. Anderson. Col. Wingate was chosen Captain of the team.

The challenge of the four oared crew of England to row any crew in the world a shell race for five hundred pounds aside, has been accepted by Assemlay Biglin, who agrees to select four men from New York and Pittsburg to meet the English champions, the race to take place at Philadelphia, Springfield or Saratoga, and the distance to be five or six miles straight or with a turn.

The building in Washington for the British Embassy, said to be the handsomest and costliest residence in the city, has been finished, and will be ready for the occupancy of Sir Edward Thornton on the 1st of October. It has cost about 150,000 dollars, and the furnishing half that sum. It has seventy rooms, and covers about ten thousand square feet of ground. It is of pressed brick, laid in black mortar, and is trimmed with light gray sandstone.

The total cotton crop in the United States for the year ending September 1st, 1874, is estimated a 4,185,534 bales. Total received were 3,819,436. Total exports, 2,840,891 bales.

Bradford, the American painter, has just finished a picture of a scene on the coast of Labrador for the Baroness Birdett Countess, for which he asked her 800 guineas and for which she sent him a check for 1,000.

Five hundred of the leading merchants in New Orleans have signed a petition to General Grant, requesting the Federal Government not to interfere with the citizen's movement.

The Captain of the British frigate Reindeer reports having discovered in Gaultee harbor a relic of Sir Francis Drake nearly three hundred years old. It is a board bearing the following inscription: "Fras Daake, Golden Hynde, Anno Domini 1577.

There are 15,000 persons in Kansas reduced to the direst straits by the grasshopper plague. The legislature is in session devising measures of relief.

Governor Dix has decided the case of Mayor Havemeyer. He condemns in pointed terms the action of the Mayor.

Messrs. Moody and Shanky, the American revivalists, whose labor have been productive of such extraordinary results in Scotland, have commenced to hold meetings in the North of Ireland, where they have been warmly received by ministers of different churches.