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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Lieut. Col. Jackson, A.G. of M.D. No. 4, arrived at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the 18th inst., with a detachment of troops to strengthen the garrison there.

Mr. J. A. Donaldson, Immigrant Agent, Toronto, received a letter from the Mayor of Winnipeg, in which the writer gives some facts about the grasshoppers ravages. He says:—"In some places the crops, with the exception of the peas and potatoes, have been completely eaten up; other places have escaped to some extent, and in others no harm has been done at all. It is confidently expected by the old settlers who know the country and the habits of these pests that we will not be troubled again with them for a few years. The reasons they give for this opinion are good. The grasshoppers have now completely left us and we expect a good crop of potatoes and some other things, and, from what I have heard, I am led to believe that there will be about one third of a crop generally."

Manitoba advices state that on the 28th ult., two troops, about seventy men, left Fort Pelly for Carleton and vicinity, the scene of the recent *emeute*.

The Nova Scotian volunteers have determined not to come to Ottawa to shoot for admission into the Wimbledon team.

The Bay Verte Canal Commission is in session in Halifax, and is prepared to receive any information in regard to that project.

The Ottawa Citizen, in speaking of the appointment of Lieut. Col. McShane, commanding the 62nd Battalion to be Brigade Major vice Otty deceased, says:—"Colonel McShane is a thoroughly efficient and deserving officer, who has sacrificed much for the Volunteer cause, and his appointment will be hailed with the utmost satisfaction, not only throughout N.B., his own province, but wherever he is known."

On the 2nd instant Premier Mackenzie visited Greenock, Scotland, his object being to make an inspection of a large graving dock lately constructed at Gavell Park, it being the intention of the Canadian Government to construct docks of a similar kind in Canadian ports. Mr. Mackenzie was waited up on by the members of the Chamber of Commerce who presented him with an address.

An agent of the Russian Government is now travelling in the South to make a study of cotton culture, which that Government contemplates attempting to introduce into Turkestan.

Havana letters report an insurgent raid within 3 miles of Colon on the 8th instant, in which nine Spanish volunteers were killed and 30 wounded.

The French Engineers who are to assist in surveying for the Channel Tunnel have left for England.

Mr. Kennedy, the great Scottish vocalist, who has been in the Old Country and Australia during the past six years, is at present in the States. He is expected to visit Canada shortly.

A special to the *Journal* just received from Whitehall, Michigan, says the body of Newton S. Grimwood was found on the lake shore near Stony Creek. Letters and papers found on him leave no room to doubt that it is the body of the young *Journal* reporter who perished in the balloon voyage. Nothing is said concerning Professor Donaldson.

A steam yacht carrying the Queen and Royal family, while crossing from Osborne to Portsmouth on the 18th collided with the yacht *Mistletoe*. The latter was struck amidships and cut in two and sunk instantly. A party of ladies and gentlemen were on board the *Mistletoe*, three of whom were drowned and one killed. None of the Royal party were injured. Their yacht was but slightly damaged.

A letter from Havana says that the prisoner who was forcibly taken last month from the British mail steamer *Elder* at Port Rico by the Spanish authorities proved to be a Colonel in the Spanish service. He was brought ashore and soon afterward shot. All the foreign Consuls protested against the act. No news of this arrest and execution was allowed by the Censorship in Havana to pass over the wires.

The Municipal Council of Sebastopol intends to construct on the line of the old fortifications an historical boulevard, with monuments commemorating the battles of the Crimean war and the incidents of the siege of Sebastopol.

Her Majesty, the Queen, with Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold left Osborne on Tuesday, the 11th inst., and proceeded direct to Scotland. The Court will remain in the north, until the middle of November, and then return to Windsor.

The London *Cont. Journal* announces that two American ladies are just now making a pedestrian trip in the Highlands, and enjoying the best of all ways of travelling amid mountain scenery. They are alone, each having her knapsack on her back, and each also armed with a revolver.

Gladstone, in another pamphlet, takes the same strong ground against the Papacy, and predicts trouble in future, in both Britain and on the continent, from that source. He declares the Papacy will seize the first opportunity, through bloodshed, to maintain its rule, and will, if necessary, even plunge the world in war.

When Lord Dufferin, the Governor General of Canada, and his wife arrived at their Irish home in Clandeboey, the other day, they were welcomed with much enthusiasm by the people at the railway station, and before reaching the family residence, which is about three miles distant, the horses were unyoked, and the carriage drawn to the entrance of the mansion by the crowd.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's second son, and heir apparent to the throne of Saxo Coburg Gothia, in Central Germany, has sold the right of succession to that Duchy to the German Government for the consideration of an annuity of \$400,000.

The Spanish vessel which was shipping materials of war at Barcelona on the 18th, suddenly exploded and sank. Fifty persons were killed.

Mr. Disraeli, in a speech at the Mansion House on the 4th, referred to the position of the colonies towards the mother country. He advocated the consolidation of the two, and said, were this carried out, the colonies would prove a course of strength to the Empire.

The French Government has prohibited the sale in France of Gladstone's writings against the Papacy.

M. Roual Duval, a member of the Assembly, intends asking the French Government why the indemnification due to French subjects for losses sustained by them in America during the war of secession, has not been settled, whereas all other foreigners have been paid.

The towns of Gauchoy, Kizlar, and Zirzin in Russia have been nearly totally burned. Numerous other destructive fires are reported in Lithuania and elsewhere in Russia.

Dr. Moreno President of the Republic of Ecuador in south America has been assassinated. He was first elected to that office in 1869, and held it up to his death. Ecuador has a population of 1,300,000, and in part of the territory formerly included in the title of New Granada.

The celebrated Convent of the Capucians, on the piazza Barberini at Rome, was confiscated by the Government last month, and its inmates, the monks, turned out of doors with small pensions to live on. The convent, containing many original paintings, among other Guido's "St. Michael," was one of the Eternal City's curiosities visited by all strangers.

A despatch from Constantinople fully confirms the latest reports as to the serious nature of the insurrection in the north west provinces of Turkey. The communication with the northern frontier is cut off.

The insurrection in the Turkish Provinces covers 200 miles of territory.