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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Professor Dawson, of McGill College, Montreal, delivered a highly interesting and instructive lecture, on "Our Stores of Mineral Fuel," in the lecture room of Knox's Church, on Thursday evening last, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. There was a large attendance, and from the frequent applause that greeted the talented lecturer during the delivery of his eloquent and instructive discourse, thus evincing their great pleasure at what they had heard.

Mr. Ira Morgan, ex Warden of the County of Carleton, and recently elected President of the Arts and Agricultural Association of Ontario, was entertained at a dinner by a number of his friends at the St. Lawrence Hotel on Thursday evening last.

Lieut. Col. Fletcher, D. A. G., accompanied by Lieut. Col. Strange, inspected the warlike stores on St. Helen's Island this morning. A report will be sent to the Minister of Militia, Ottawa, recommending that a guard be stationed at the island to take charge of the stores. An estimate has been made of the necessary expenditure to rebuild the barracks, by order of the Government, calculating \$10,000 as requisite for this purpose.

It seems that there is some dissatisfaction prevailing in Manitoba at the Dominion Government in not sending supplies to the English speaking settlers as well as to the Icelanders.

In the English House of Commons, February 29, Mr. Goschen drew attention to a circumstance connected with the destruction of the ironclad "Vanguard." He censured the Admiralty for its action in reversing the finding of the Court martial, and moved for the minute showing the nature of the steps taken by the Admiralty in reference to the loss of the "Vanguard." Mr. Ward Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty, defended the conduct of his colleagues. He said his naval colleagues unanimously concurred with him in dissenting from the conclusions of the court martial as to the persons responsible for the loss of the ship. He recounted the circumstances of the collision in order to prove the correctness of this view. Mr. Disraeli suggested that a definite motion on the subject could be submitted on a future occasion. Mr. Goschen's motion was then agreed to.

The "Investigator" and the "Edinburgh" have commenced laying the submarine cable between Australia and New Zealand.

It is announced by a cable despatch from London that for the payment of interest and drawn bonds due on the 2nd March on the Turkish loan of 1858, only £46,385 sterling of the £120,714 required has been received.

A handsome structure is to be erected on the Centennial grounds by the Association of Dairymen residing in Philadelphia, and the adjoining counties. It consists of an ornate building of unique design, after the Marie Antoinette style, and will be 50 feet wide and 100 feet in length. An acre of ground laid out with shrubbery, statues and fountains, and with tables and chairs for the accommodation of visitors, will surround the building. Over 100 young ladies will be in attendance, dressed in the picturesque costume of Normandy dairymaids. Milk, cream, buttermilk, curds and whey, pastry and berries will be dispensed by the attendants, and cows will be kept for the purpose of furnishing fresh milk for those who prefer it.

It costs the people of the United States about \$10,000 a day to support the House of Representatives. A session of the House consumes from three to four hours. Every hour's work is done at an expense of \$2,500. Every minute of the session costs \$40.

A Mr. Cooper, of California, has an orchard, near Santa Barbara, of 12,000 almond trees; 1,000 English walnut trees; 5,000 olive trees; 6,000 eucalyptus trees; and a vineyard of 6,000 grape vines.

The two great express companies of the United States, the Adams and American, employ about 8,000 men, 1,950 horses, 1,200 waggons, and use 3,000 iron safes. Their agents travel more than 100,000 miles daily, or more than 32,000,000 miles annually.

On New Year's Day, 1876, Garibaldi received from his friend, Victor Emmanuel, a superb mosaic picture, and returned the compliment with a small sized Capra goat.

Colonel Sir F. Fitzwigram, in a paper read at the Portsmouth Literary and Scientific Society, states as the result of his own experience, that veterinary sanitary science has reduced the loss of cavalry horses to a minimum, the average service, of each horse being now 10 years. The gallant colonel is amply justified in characterizing this as a result which should stimulate the cupidity, if it fails to touch the humanity, of the large numbers who neglect sanitary precautions and use up their horses in about two years and a half.

Garibaldi has accepted the Presidency of the International Arbitration Congress to be held at Rome.

As showing the rapid increase in the value of freehold property in Melbourne, the *Age* mentions that recently a piece of land, with a frontage of 36 feet, was sold for £19,000, which was at the rate of £527 15s 6d. per foot frontage.

Garibaldi receives visitors in an armchair. He is supported by pillows, and is incapable of moving without crutches. The fingers of both hands are stiffened into utter rigidity, with the exception of the thumbs. His face, however, bears the hue of health, his mind remains as vigorous as ever.

There have been some dreadful floods in Hungary and it is stated that from 12,000 to 18,000 persons are homeless.

Princess Fredericka, daughter of the blind ex King of Hanover, is said to be the most beautiful princess in Europe. She is the devoted and constant companion of her father.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says that the report of the subjugation of Kokand by Russia is confirmed. This leaves a distance of only 225 miles between the English and Russian frontiers in Central Asia.

A despatch from Paris says the inhabitants of Asniers have been driven from their homes by the overflow of the Seine. Some of the streets of Paris are already flooded.

It is said that the French Government has informed Spain that the most of the Carlists interned seemed to be very desirous of returning home, and are willing to make an engagement not to fight in future if pardoned, and amnesty is proclaimed.

A sanguinary battle was fought yesterday near Dabra, in which 800 Turks were killed. Plaeards posted in Ragusa, promulgating the Turkish reforms, have been panted over with figures of death's heads. Insurgents have issued manifestoes, scouting all proposition of peace.

The 45th Regiment, at present stationed in Limerick, has received orders to hold itself in readiness for service in the Mediterranean.

Thirty thousand persons were added to the permanent residents of London last year, and it is estimated that by the middle of the present year the population of the British metropolis will exceed four and a quarter millions.

On Monday evening, 23rd Feb. the steamer *Harlingen* while on her way from London to Rouen, struck the masts of the steamer *Strath Clyde*, recently sunk in the channel, and sank in 15 minutes. All on board were saved.

The Alfonsoists have taken 33 pieces of artillery and many thousands of rifles abandoned by the Carlists.