



The Volunteer Review

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

A Journal Devoted to the Interests of the Military and Naval Forces of the Dominion of Canada

VOL. VI.

OTTAWA, (CANADA,) MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1872.

No 41

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Lord Chancellor of England, (Hatherly) has resigned.

Lord Redesdale, ex Lord Chancellor, has written a letter condemning the conduct of Government representatives at the Geneva Board of Arbitration. He says the interest and honor of the country were sacrificed to the exigencies of the party in power, and demands a full explanation of the reasons of action.

Gladstone's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Lowe, in a speech delivered at Glasgow, is reported to have censured Sir Alexander Cockburn for refusing to sign the award for damages, and for publishing a protest which opens up the whole question, reviving all the ill feeling surrounding this question. He said it was England's duty to accept the award loyally.

The Solicitor General Jessel, has been addressing his constituents at Dover. He congratulated them on the working of the Ballot, and the award of the Geneva Arbitration, which he declared would be paid in a year without increase of taxation.

The Queen, a few days since, laid the foundation stone of a memorial to the Duchess of Sutherland, in the grounds of Dunrobin Castle. There was a large attendance of leading people in the district. The Rev. J. Maxwell Jones, offered up a prayer, and then in the name of the subscribers, by whom the monument is to be erected, presented an address to Her Majesty, who received the address through Lord Granville, and then said—"It gives me the greatest pleasure to testify on this occasion my love and esteem for the beloved Duchess, my valued friend, with whose children I am now staying. I wish to express my warmest thanks for the hearty and loyal welcome I have met with at Sunderland." The Queen spread the mortar with a golden trowel, with an ivory handle, and the stone was gradually lowered. When it reached the solid, the Queen gave it three strokes with a handsome mallet made of walnut, and silver gilt.

Mr. Cardwell has gone to Ireland to decide on the depot centres, and blarney

if he can, the Home Rule M.P's. of that turbulent country.

Gambetta, the ex-dictator and total failure, is spoken of as the probable successor of Thiers. He has been starring it in the Departments, and recently at Grenoble severely criticized the conduct of the French President's administration, denounced the Bonapartists and the National Assembly, and advocated the return of the seat of Government to Paris.

It would indeed appear that Thiers has blundered, or the communists have forced the experiment on him, of trying whether it would not be possible to establish a stable Government in France. This has always been a most difficult problem to solve, after all it may have been very simple and the whole secret appears to lie in removing the Seat of Government, and legislative bodies from the capital putting it out of the power of the mob to overrule the one or overturn the other by a *comp de main*. The finances of the country are gradually recovering, most of the Chambers of Commerce of the maritime cities protest against every manipulation of tariffs without their consent, the army is being brought steadily into a state of discipline heretofore unknown to the French soldier, and peace may enable the country to take her place amongst the nations of Europe after her sore humiliation.

Our exceedingly *cute* neighbors over the lines appear to have cut a rod to whip themselves when they so astutely endeavoured to cozen the *Britishers* with the *ex parte facto* International legislation which led to the Geneva Arbitration.

Spain is about putting in a little bill of costs for certain filibustering acts, and the United States will afford the world a spectacle of principle, like Mark Twain's good little boy, pay the little bill which is confidently stated to amount to four or five times the amount of the Alabama award, and learn in future that portion of the Church Catechism which teaches to *keep their hands from picking and stealing*.

The Carlist insurrection still lingers in Spain but it is not of much account.

The Evangelical Conference at Geneva has appointed Dr. Merle d'Aubigny to draft an

address to the Old Catholics in Congress at Cologne.

His Holiness has ventured outside the walls of the Vatican for the first time since the occupation of Rome by the Italian Army, he has appointed Rev. Mr. Vaughan of the Propaganda Bishop of Salford in England.

Austria is looking well to the Danubian Provinces, and endeavoring to strengthen herself in that, her weakest frontier.

Russia is busy reorganizing her army and navy, while Germany under Bismarck and the pious Kaiser is ostensibly engaged in a skirmishing warfare with the Jesuits and Bishop of Emeland, but watchful as a lynx of the affairs of her neighbors.

The Emperor of Turkey has by Firman created Ismail Pasha *Khedive* of Egypt, and made the rank hereditary in his family. The sick man has wonderful powers of recuperation, does not seem to care what effort Russia may make in the Black Sea, as he is prepared for it.

From Japan we hear the mutterings of a coming storm. The old party of obstructionists are said to be coming into power, so that a revolution, attended with unpleasant consequences to foreigners may come off at any moment.

From the United States we have the intelligence that Mrs. Laura D. Fair, the adulteress and murderess, has been acquitted by a San Francisco jury. A murder per diem in Chicago, the attempt to put an ex-convict at the head of the municipal affairs of New York, a large amount of electioneering items, in which pistols, bowie knives and other artistic weapons figures largely. The arrival at New York of three iron steamships direct from China, tea laden, via Suez Canal, with the intimation that it is the first instalment of a very considerable fleet.

In the Dominion of Canada we have had a disastrous fire at Montreal; a good deal of stormy weather; a rise in the rate of the bank discounts; an abundant harvest; brisk business times; and a good promise for the future.

The election riots in Manitoba have subsided.

Sir G. E. Cartier has sailed for England.