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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Intercolonial is to be opened all the way to Quebec on the 1st of June.

The Quebec daily *Telegraph* reports that the Imperial Government has purchased one of the Allen steamships as a transport vessel for the carrying of troops. We believe the vessel purchased is the one which took out the troops to Abyssinia.

A new rifle club, to be known as the "Queen's Own," is being formed in Toronto.

The Dominion Government advertises for a mail and passenger steamer to run in connection with the Intercolonial between Campbellton and Gaspé, calling at intermediate points.

The sixth Fusiliers mustered last Tuesday evening in the City Hall, Montreal, under the command of Col. Gardner, for the purpose of having the busbys, which have recently arrived from England, served out. The regiment was also put through several exercises by Captain and Adjutant Atkinson the band of the regiment being present.

The busbys, officers' uniforms and swords for the Fifth Royals, Montreal, have arrived from England. It is expected that Col. Fletcher, D. A. G., will shortly inspect the 5th, when a most creditable turn out is looked for.

In the United States Senate, the bill fixing the rate of postage on third class mail matter for all distances at one cent for each ounce or fractional part thereof, passed without division.

The Governor-General and Countess of Dufferin will visit the Philadelphia Centennial some time in June. They will also visit some of the principal American cities. Arrangements are now being made for the tour.

The position of the European Powers in regard to the Eastern Questions is a puzzle. Each seems to be suspicious of the other, and neither knows his neighbors' intention.

President McMahon has pardoned several inhabitants of Marseilles, who were imprisoned for participation in the Commune.

As the daughter of a Perthshire farmer was tending some sheep the other day in the Highlands, she found in the crevice of a rock a jar of coins, mostly copper. Many of them are in fine preservation, and the date of 1678 is distinctly visible on some, while on others the inscriptions "Charles I" and "William and Mary," may be traced.

The Irish correspondent of the *Daily Review* says there are 700,000 people still in Ireland who speak Irish, but the National Schools are fast rooting it out of Cork, Kerry, Galway, and Donegal.

The *Dublin Freeman* says:—"We are glad that at last a decided effort appears about to be made to organize an Irish Rifle Team for the International match at Philadelphia this year. It would have been a pity had the American challenge remained unaccepted, and had our cousins across the water been given the impression that our late defeat had completely disheartened us. For our part we have no doubt whatever that, if all goes as it should, the Irish public will not be behind-hand or forget its portion of the work."

In view of the small number of prisoners in Carlow, there is talk of turning Carlow jail to some other use.

A *Dublin special* to the *Pall Mall Gazette* says it is pretty certain that the emigration from Ireland this year will be the smallest since 1851. Not long since an article in the same paper drew attention to the large reduction last year of crime, intemperance and pauperism in Ireland. It would seem that reduced emigration is equivalent to greater prosperity, one of the natural results of a decline in these evils.

Garibaldi has written a letter to the Prime Minister Depretis, accepting a donation of 100,000 lièvres, offered him by the nation and the King some time ago. He says the gift will enable him to co-operate in works for the improvement of the Tiber, and he has decided to accept it because of the fidelity to the constitution displayed by the King in recently changing his Ministers.

The struggle between Vaticanism and freedom of worship in Spain continues with bitter warfare. The Pope now threatens the immediate withdrawal of the Papal Nuncio if Article XI., permitting freedom of worship and religious opinion, is adopted. It is upon this provision the future happiness and prosperity of the Spanish people so largely depends.

The feeling against Austria for its supposed sympathy and connivance at the Bosnian movement runs high in Constantinople.

Telegrams from Bosnia say the insurrection has now spread to the centre of Bosnia. The country around Travignac has joined the movement.

The *Times* Berlin special says the obstinacy of the Herzegovinese is accounted for by the hope of obtaining Russian support at the eleventh hour. The Slavonic papers, notwithstanding Russia's official advice to the insurgents to lay down their arms, circulate statements that the Russian diplomatic agents in Austria and Turkey have assured their friends that Russia will never allow Austrian troops to occupy the insurgent territory. Under these circumstances the insurgents think they had better

persist, for though the Russian Government undoubtedly desires to protect Turkey, there is a feeling in Slavonic quarters that Russian public opinion will not permit the Government to hand the fighting Rayah over to the Magyar or Turk. The growth of this conviction explains the Servian armaments.

From the *Liverpool Daily Courier*, March 23rd, we take the following:—"A hurricane has passed over Marseilles. Vehicles were blown over in the public streets, and their inmates more or less injured, and traffic on the quays was stopped. A military review at the Pharo was carried through, but not without great difficulty, as the men could not stand steadily in the ranks, and such was the violence of the gale that it completely overcame the sound of the musketry. A number of tramway cars were blown off the rails, and a number of omnibusses were upset. Several persons were driven into the sea, and drowned in the presence of a crowd, which was utterly unable to extend to them the slightest assistance.

The *London Jewish Chronicle* says the Jewish bondholders have made a proposal to Turkey to exchange their bonds for land in Syria, perhaps in Palestine itself, which is part of Syria, and that the Turkish Government is considering the matter.

Russia is pushing forward in the East. A special to the *Times* from Berlin says that the journals of the Czech party, in Austria, assert that Russia plainly informed the Servians that she will protect them from Austrian coercion in the event of Servian declaring war against Turkey.

A special despatch from Berlin says that the Northern Powers decline to discuss the terms proposed by the Herzegovinians, deeming them inadmissible.

The *Pall Mall Gazette's* Berlin special says the reported negotiations for the cession to the German Government of the Duke of Elinburgh, as heir presumptive to the Duchy of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, are officially denied.

The *Russian Invalide* says that the Shah of Persia has sent a large force of troops to Neeched City in north eastern Persia, capital Korshan, whence they will commence war against Mero.

A despatch from Rome states that Garibaldi has sent to the Government an entirely new scheme for the improvement of the Tiber. Its chief feature is the establishment of a sort of seaport near Rome. He asks a concession for the works on behalf of a stock company.

A Paris despatch says the snow has seriously damaged the vines in Bordeaux district. No such wintry weather has been known in Paris at this season for 50 years.