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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Hon. Mr. Vail, Minister of Militia, and family arrived in Ottawa on the 14th from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The examination in the several Military Districts for admission to the Military College at Kingston, is postponed from the 4th January, 1876, to Tuesday, the 8th February following. Applications for admission to the Military College will be received at Headquarters up to 25th January next.

In the War Office Gazette of 23rd November last, Lieut. Col. Hewitt, Royal Engineers, has been promoted to the local rank of Lieut. Colonel in the Army, while holding the appointment of Commandant of the Military College in Canada.

A serious bread riot occurred in Montreal on the afternoon of Friday, while the City Council were in session. At 3 p.m., over 2,000 people, chiefly French Canadians, surrounded the Hall, crying for bread or work. At ten minutes past 3 o'clock, a fight took place, and it was with much difficulty that the police could restore order. His Worship the Mayor, addressed them, counselling the greatest moderation on their part, and not to resort to any violence, which would only make matters worse, he said the Council would do all in their power for them. He reflected on a few who, he feared, wanted to create disorder, but he was interrupted by cries of "we're suffering and want food!" The poor wretches attacked a bear sleigh and knocked in the heads of the barrels and drank the beer, while the baker's sleigh that was passing was also seized upon and the contents quickly distributed amongst them. A sergeant who attempted to seize one of the ruffians engaged in robbing the bread sleigh was surrounded, and the Chief of Police rushed through the crowd, and advised him to let the ruffian go. Scarcely had the Chief done this, than another ruffian rushed up to him and struck him on the left eye cutting the skin. The Chief thereupon laid round him with his cane right and left, smashing it over the head of the ruffian who had dealt him the cowardly blow. He was speedily joined by several of the Police, who soon cleared the way. In the meanwhile a messenger had been sent to the Central Police Station, ordering out all the available force, who thereupon marched up two deep, armed with Spencer rifles. Upon the head of the column being seen advancing up St. Paul street from Jacques Cartier Square the crowd fled in every direction. The Police then took up a position in front of the City

Hall, and were not further molested. The Council decided to employ as many men as it could, in earthworks, at 60 cents a day, each. Still trouble is anticipated, and the Police are out armed.

The Cuban Insurgents have been successful in several recent skirmishes with the Spanish troops.

The authorities of Montreal have provided employment for 500 destitute labourers.

The total number of persons killed and wounded by the tug boat disaster, is now estimated at 200.

Professor Francis A. Walker, of Yale College, has been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Awards of the Centennial Exhibition.

The Princess of Wales has gone to Copenhagen to spend the holidays.

Eleven of the mutinous crew of the British steamer *Lennie* are to be tried for murder on the high seas. The testimony of the Greek sailors, the principal witnesses against them, is to be taken before the British Consul at Nantes.

The Egyptian expedition to Zanzibar has been recalled.

From Bridgeport, Conn., we learn of the total destruction of Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Works by fire on the 14th. Loss about \$500,000 insured for \$316,000.

Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, introduced a bill in the United States House of Representatives, to amend the Constitution by fixing the Presidential term at six years, and making the President ineligible to any term of twelve years.

Mr. Spilger, of Illinois, introduced a resolution directing the Commissioner on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of reducing the regular army to 10,000 men, or to such a number as will insure an efficient public service at an expense not exceeding \$20,000,000 yearly which was adopted.

The examination papers for the entrance examination of Cadets to the Kingston-Military College, which were in course of preparation for some time, have been submitted for approval. It is expected that the Examining Boards, in all the eleven military districts, will shortly be appointed.

The British troops won a brilliant victory over the Penang Insurgents on the 7th inst., and the rebellion in the Peninsula is now believed to be practically at an end.

The Archbishop of Cologne, has left that city, and is not expected to return.

The British Royal Colonial Institute is about appointing a committee to consider the proposed exchange of territory with France on the west coast of Africa.

The Crown Princess of Germany has a studio arranged in the new palace, Potsdam,

where she and the Crown Prince reside. She has produced several very good portraits of the members of the royal family, which are at the same time creditable works of art.

Hon. Mr. Cavendish and Colonel Stokes, British Commissioners to Egypt, arrived at Alexandria yesterday.

The *Morning Standard* publishes a special despatch from St. Paul de Loanda, stating that Captain Cameron's exploring expedition arrived there on November the 19th, having traversed the continent from Ujiji. The expedition had been a complete success. All the men were well.

A Glasgow man recommends as a means of preventing the personal injury and damage to property which result from railway collisions, that passenger carriages should be constructed of strong vulcanized India rubber, which, he says, can be moulded up to any thickness and degree of elasticity. The carriages would be rounded at the ends instead of having buffers attached; and these convex ends would become concave in collision, but would not jerk the carriages off the rails like buffers. He proposes that the train should be united by a wire rope passed through eyes underneath each carriage to a windlass on a brake beam, which would tighten it up to any tenacity.

Since the Vanguard disaster the British Admiralty have been discussing fog signals and the result is an order that ships of the Channel squadron be provided with eight-pounder cannons for signalling purposes.

The German Reichstag have refused to grant the increased army estimates proposed by the Government.

A force of detectives and police are about to start for France to arrest the crew of the British ship *Lennie* on a charge of mutiny and murder.

William King Thompson, the principal in the plot to blow up the steamer *Mescal*, died at Bremen yesterday, from the effects of his self-inflicted wounds. He was a native of native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and commanded a blockade runner during the civil war in the United States.

A prize has been awarded by the Belgian Academy to Kari Marchal for his "History of Sculpture in Belgium in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries."

The second installment of the collection of fac-similes of ancient charters, which is being issued under the superintendence of the Trustees of the British Museum, will be ready about Christmas.

The French Minister of Public Instruction and the Bishop of Orleans, have been elected life Senators by the Assembly.