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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Dominion Parliament was prorogued on the 26th May by His Excellency the Governor General. Among the bills assented to three only are of sufficient importance to merit a passing notice, we refer to the Election Law; The Canadian Pacific Railway Bill, and the amendment to the Militia Law in the establishment of a college for the thorough education of officers for the Militia.

The Government have determined to withdraw the twenty cent pieces from circulation, because of the great annoyance they are to trade.

His Excellency the Governor General and suite visited the Chaudier Falls, and after examining the slides and other places of interest in the vicinity, came to the conclusion to run the slides, which the party did in the most successful manner.

The Senate has amended the Election Bill, so as to permit universal suffrage in Prince Edward Island.

A watch and chain valued \$320 were presented to the Hon. E. B. Wood by the people of Brantford previous to his leaving for the North West.

The Ottawa Times is to receive the Departmental as well as the Parliamentary printing contract.

The Grand Trunk have commenced a return ticket system similar to the Great Western.

A large number of emigrants are now en route to Manitoba by Lake Superior and the Dawson route.

The survey of the Hamilton and North Western railroad is completed from Clarksville to Collingwood. The report is that a satisfactory route has been located.

His Excellency the Governor General has reserved "Bill to amend the Extradition Act of 1873" for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The steamer *Chicora* left Collingwood 26th for Lake Superior. Among the passengers were 150 for Manitoba and the Northern Pacific lands, comprising mechanics, farmers, and laborers.

The steamship *Faraday* with the new Atlantic cable, to be landed at Torbay, 150 miles from Halifax, is expected on the coast in a few days. A line to connect Torbay and Halifax is projected.

President Grant has nominated Wm. Cooper Howell, of Ohio, Consul to Quebec.

Major Pemberton, of the Madras Staff Corps, accompanied by his wife, the daughter

of the late Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, has arrived at Ceverley Lodge, Cornwall, on a visit to his brother in law.

Arrivals from sea to continue now daily, about 200 vessels having arrived since the opening of navigation. Freights continue dull and unaltered with a possibility of a further decline.

The flagship *Bellerophon* arrived at Halifax on 28th May, with Vice Admiral and Mrs. Wellesley and daughter on board.

Mr. Boyce Allan, one of the partners of the firm owing the Allan line of steamers, is dead.

The London *Observer* announces that at the celebration of the Queen's birthday the title of Duke of Connaught will be conferred on Prince Arthur. This is the first royal title ever associated with Ireland.

On leaving the Grand Trunk, the English Directors presented Mr. Brydges with the handsome sum of £4,000 sterling.

At a meeting of the New York Produce Exchange held on the 27th May, the Branch Books showed by official records that a balance of over ninety-one million dollars in favor of the States while trading with Canada and other British Colonies during the 12 years of the existence of the Treaty. One firm in the city of New York used to sell two million dollars, but has done comparatively nothing since 1866.

The Oswego Board of Trade also met 27th May, and in conjunction with the New York meeting unanimously passed resolutions requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress to aid as far as possible in the establishment of renewal of reciprocity relations between, United States and Canada, for the purpose of gaining advantages likely to be derived by the citizens, from the proposed Treaty, more near equal to those of our Canadian neighbors, than they are believed to have been by former Treaty. The Board recommends the use of Canadian canal connecting upper lakes with tide water and particularly that of Welland which should be made absolutely free to vessels and cargoes of United States and to our products when carried in Canadian bottoms.

Mayor Wertz of New Orleans telegraphed to the Mayors of New York and Brooklyn asking additional aid for the Louisiana sufferers. He says that in thirty five days the contribution in cash and provisions has been less than \$180,000 and one million is needed.

Chief State Engineer Thompson writes to Gov. Kellogg that three million cubic yards of the Levee is required to be built to save the State from overflow next year, and that

Louisiana cannot pay for the construction of more than one third. He suggests that an appeal be made for National aid.

Mr. Stanly is very anxious to make another expedition into Central Africa. He is confident he will succeed where Livingstone has failed, and will discover the source of the Nile. Mr. James Gordon-Bennett is now on his way to England and so soon as he arrives Mr. Stanly will offer to go on his journey in the interests of the *New York Herald*.

A writer in the London *Telegraph* claims to have travelled from Baltimore to Richmond, through the lines of the Federal and Confederate armies in 1862, in company with Colonel Wolsley, now Sir Garnet Wolsley.

It now appears that the Russian Grand Duke Constantine's son, Nicholas, gave diamonds belonging to his mother to Miss Fannie Orphenix, a beautiful American. The circumstances of the theft together with the fact that he had deposited large sums of money with his bankers to make provision, as he says, against the necessities of old age, lead to the belief that he is insane!

Despatches from Calcutta state that the distress from the famine in India is increasing. Nearly three millions of people are dependent upon the Government for food.

It is reported that the Carlists have received twenty Krupp steel cannon, and are reorganizing their forces.

A Paris despatch to the *London Times* says the story of a German candidature for the Spanish Throne is ridiculous.

The Cambridge University Union have adopted a motion, by 101 votes to 42, in favor of introducing the system of cremation into England.

"There is a rumour that either Mr. Coffin or Mr. Ross will be appointed to the vacant Collectorship at Halifax, but we can hardly fancy that either of those gentlemen would care to take such a position. Mr. Pierce Hamilton, a writer who was a vigorous advocate of Confederation, and who did good service to the cause of Union, is we understand an applicant for the position, and is strongly recommended by the people at Halifax."—*Free Press*.

We have reason to know that the appointment of Mr. Hamilton to the Collectorship of Customs at Halifax, would give general satisfaction to the Mercantile Community, and would also be hailed with delight throughout the entire Province of Nova Scotia.