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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Since our last the following members of the new Cabinet have been re-elected by acclamation: Hon. Mr. Laird, Hon. Mr. Coffin, Hon. Mr. Blake; and Hon. Mr. Ross, is also supposed to be elected. The Hon. C. E. Fraser, the new Provincial Secretary for Ontario, was elected by acclamation for South Granville, on the 9th inst.

Hon. Jas. Leslie, Senator over eighty years of age, died at Montreal on the 6th inst. The death of Senator C. Blake is also announced.

The P. & C. Conservatives have elected Mr. Gooderham, of Gooderham & Worts, as their candidate, and Mr. K. Chisholm of Brampton, is the choice of the Reformers.

The Ontario House of Assembly has been summoned for the despatch of business on the 7th of January.

The gunboat *Prince Alfred* has gone into winter quarters at Chatham, and is being repaired by Capt. Wyatt.

Mr. DeCazes, of St. Hyacinthe, has been appointed an Emigration Agent in France.

Rev. Luchlin Taylor in a lecture at Montreal on the great North-West, said the Pacific Railway must be built, and that through British Territory.

They are already purchasing lots for suburban residences a mile from Fort Garry.

Diphtheria prevails to an alarming extent in many parts of Ontario.

Official returns shows that about eight thousand immigrants have settled in the Province of Quebec during the past year, of these about one fourth were French, the vast majority belonging to the British Isles.

Governor Tilley has announced that wines and spirituous liquors will not be permitted within the Government House during his term of office. He is a staunch teetotaler.

There is some talk of amalgamating the lines of the Kingston and Pembroke and Canada Central Railways, the junction being somewhere near Renfrew village.

Hon. Oliver Mowat, premier of Ontario, and his wife had a narrow escape during the storm on Wednesday night 3rd inst. They were in temporary occupation of a room in the Parliament Buildings while their residence was undergoing repair, and the chimney was blown down and crashed through the roof into the room which they occupied. Fortunately they escaped any injury beyond a fright.

December 1st, the Ontario Government took full possession of the Agricultural College and Farm at Guelph.

The death is announced of Sheriff Treadwell of the United Counties of Prescott & Russell. He was 71 years of age.

The form of small pox known as confluent or black pox, the most virulent type, is increasing in Montreal.

According to a Sherbrooke paper the Hon. Mr. Pope, late Minister of Agriculture, has visited Boston to inquire into the feasibility of shipping dressed beef to England.

The Secretary of War has sent a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, making direct charges of fraud and malfeasance in office against Brigadier General O. O. Howe in connection with his management of the Freedman's Bureau.

In the United States Congress yesterday a member introduced a resolution setting forth the condition of affairs in the Island of Cuba, and recommending the recognition of Cuban independence by the United States. After a few remarks, it was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Excitement runs high at Havana. The guard on board the *Virginus* has been doubled to prevent her being destroyed by the infuriated Cubans.

At Exeter Mr. E. Drew built, painted and finished off, in fact occupied a house within ten days. We read of quick reaping, threshing, chopping and other work, but to our mind this beats any of the smart performances yet chronicled.

Captain General Jouvillar has issued a proclamation to the people, announcing that he has received final orders to carry out the project with America, to disobey which would involve Cuba in war without the assistance of Spain.

Gorro Figo asks, that all able bodied men, between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five be called into active military service and that those between thirty-five and forty-five be placed on the reserve. Of the active class 150,000 men could be obtained, a force sufficient to crush the rebellion.

The *Broad Arrow* of the 29th November announces the sudden death of Colonel Jenyns, C. B., Assistant Adjutant General, Horse Guards, London, late commanding 13th Hussars, and says, "He was a dashing cavalry officer and excellent commandant, as the present satisfactory state of the 13th Hussars will testify, a zealous public servant and one of the most popular staff officers who ever entered the Horse Guards." He was well known in Canada, and more especially at Toronto, where his death will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

The proceedings in the Bazaine Court Martial on the 9th were of unusual interest, and the Tribunal was filled and surrounded by an immense crowd of people. M. Lachaud, the counsel for the defence, read letters from Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia. The first states that Marshal Bazaine never visited the Prince's headquarters during the siege, and that the Prince saw him for the first time after the capitulation. The second letter read expresses the highest esteem for Bazaine and praises him for the energy with which he prolonged the resistance to the Prussian arms.

The Bazaine Court Martial was terminated on the 10th, when the Marshal was found guilty, and sentenced to be degraded and put to death. Immediately after the sentence, all the judges signed a recommendation for mercy, which the Duc d'Aumale at once conveyed to the President.

Soon after the judgment of the Court was pronounced against Marshal Bazaine last evening, he requested that his son might be allowed to visit him in prison. He also refused to avail himself of the right of appeal. President MacMahon will to-day decide to whether he will listen to the appeal of the Court for mercy, and commute the sentence of the condemned.

The decision of President MacMahon in the case of Marshal Bazaine was announced this morning the 12th. The sentence of death against the marshal is commuted to twenty years seclusion. He is to bear the effects of a degradation from rank, but will be spared the humiliating ceremony.

Marshal Bazaine addressed a letter to his counsel yesterday thanking them for their efforts in his behalf and concluding—"I shall not appeal against the sentence, not wishing to prolong the miseries of the spectacle of such a painful struggle. I request you to take no further steps. I look no longer to men for judgment. Strong in my conscience, which reproaches me with nothing; I confidently await a justification, which will come with the lapse of time and the subsidence of party passions.

The conservative press generally approves of the commutation of the sentence.

The *Siete* says it will make a painful feeling of surprise in the country.

The Island of Santo Margurite, off Cannes, has been selected as the place of confinement for Marshal Bazaine, and he will be sent there this week. The Marshal received the news of the commutation of his sentence without emotion.

The Minister of War reports that the reserve recently called out number 46,000 men