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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Ottawa Water Works Debentures, to the amount of \$440,000, were sold in London, England, on Saturday 17th at 95 cents on the dollar, net, and 10½ per cent exchange, making the sale equivalent to 96 per cent. The rate of interest is 6 per cent, and as the first coupons were taken off on the 1st inst., there is no back interest. The sale was negotiated by Mr. H. V. Noel, of this city, through the Union bank of London, and we must congratulate the negotiator on having made one of the best sales of municipal debentures ever made on the English market. The debentures run over thirty years, withdrawals every ten years.

We believe it is the intention of the Government during the coming season to construct locks at Fort-Francois, on Rainy River. This will save a long portage, and the delay and expense of transshipment of goods and passengers at that point, and will, by affording an uninterrupted stretch of navigation extending over 350 miles on the Dawson Route, very materially facilitate communication between Manitoba and the North West, and the Eastern Provinces.

Up to the present date, two thousand claims for pensions have been entered at the Militia Department by veterans of 1812. If all these claims are genuine, the \$50,000 voted by Parliament will not go very far to afford annuities to each individual.

Mr. Melcalfe, manufacturer, of this city, has been instructed by the Minister of the Interior, to manufacture for the Indian Departments, twenty suits of scarlet uniforms, decorated with gold lace, and eighty suits of blue with scarlet facings. These uniforms will be furnished to the Chiefs of the Sioux and Salteaux tribes of Indians with whom a treaty was negotiated last summer by the Hon. Mr. Laird.

We regret to hear of the death of Col. Sewell, ex-Postmaster of Quebec. This gallant officer served through the war of 1812 as Captain in the 49th Regiment, and had seen much hard service. He was 81 years of age.

Mrs. Trout, of Toronto, the wife of a journalist, has passed the final examination of the Toronto School of Medicine and has been licensed by the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons to practice in that Province. She is the first lady who has accomplished this, but will probably not be the last.

It is announced that all horses, harness, waggons, and railway plant are to be admitted free of custom duty into the Province of Manitoba for the space of three months.

It is said a large number of Swedes will be employed in the lumbering establishments of the Ottawa district this year.

The immense quantity of freight being shipped westward over the G. W. R. at present necessitates the running of the iron ferries across Detroit River every night.

On the 21st inst., forty-two persons left Almonte and Pakenham for Manitoba. They intend forming a settlement near Emerson, and are all persons in tolerably good circumstances. They had four car loads of freight, and took with them five span of horses, six thoroughbred cows, several Leicester sheep, Berkshire pigs, farm machinery, etc. These are the kind of people that will build up the new Province.

A Montreal commercial traveller purposes to test the law with reference to the validity of ante-dated railway ticket, having brought an action against the Grand Trunk for \$5,000 for being put off a train at Breslau.

An important decision was rendered in the Assize Court of York on Tuesday last. The proprietors of the *National* newspaper received and advertisement from the Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company of Ottawa, without definite orders as to the time its insertion was desired, and published accordingly. Payment on account was subsequently made, but the advertisement not being ordered out was continued. At the end of another term, on the proprietors of the *National* making a second demand for payment, they were informed by the Secretary of the Company, that it should have been withdrawn when the previous account was rendered and paid, also, to discontinue it at once,—and added that the Company would not be responsible for second demand. Accordingly the proprietors of the *National* withdrew the advertisement, and sued the Company for the amount claimed, viz: \$225. The verdict was in favour of the *National* for full amount claimed. By this decision advertisers have data showing their responsibility, and publishers now have legal sanction for the rule of most offices, that an advertisement ordered into a newspaper, without specific instructions, must be paid for until forbid and withdrawn.

It is reported that the Marquis of Lorne and his wife, the Princess Louise, contemplate visiting the United States and Canada during the coming summer.

The examination into the alleged Duchesne conspiracy against Prince Bismarck began at Brussels on the 22d. The prisoner Duchesne, thrice refused to give the names of his accomplices.

Sir Joseph Hawley, Bart., well known in connection with the British turf, is dead.

Donaldson, the great balloonist, has at last met his death. He fell yesterday from a balloon in New Jersey when a mile and a half in the air, and was of course instantly killed. The basket parted from the canyass.

A New York telegram says: Three men cleaning out a cess-pool on Staten Island discovered between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of gold coin. It appears that the premises on which the discovery was made were formerly owned by the City Bank cashier, who was a defaulter to the amount of \$160,000 to the institution, of which he was an officer, and who is now said to be a fugitive in Europe.

The escaped Cheyenne warriors have mustered to the number of 500 on the Cimmaron river, and two expeditions of United States troops are in the field with instructions, in the quaint words of the despatch, "to gather them in."

In response to telegrams from the citizens of Texas to General Sherman, asking advice and assistance, General Sherman telegraphed as follows: The duty of the troops on the Rio Grande frontier is to protect all the officers of the general Government, and as far as possible to aid the State authorities in protecting the people against organized bands of marauders from any quarter. Should it be a hostile measure from Mexico the President may order more troops and more positive course of action.

A shocking report comes from the city of Mexico. It is said ten natives of Ixtacaloo are on trial on the charge of burying three men alive, leaving their heads exposed, and then slowly despatching their helpless victims with knives and hatchets.

In the House of Commons on the evening of the 12th Mr. Sullivan announced that for the purpose of terminating the anomalous relations between the press and the House, he would nightly call attention to the presence of strangers. This will have the effect of compelling the withdrawal of all persons except members.

The latest London advices furnish the following description of the new targets to be used at the coming Wimbledon meeting: First class, 800, 900, and 1,000 yards, six feet by twelve feet, bull's eye circular three feet diameter, centre circular four feet six inches, inner square six feet by six feet, outer each end six feet by three feet. Second class, 500, 600, and 700 yards, circular six feet diameter, bull's eye 22 inches, centre 38 inches, inner 5½ inches, outer 70 inches. Third class, 200 and 300 yards, circular forty inches diameter, bull's eye 8 inches, centre 16 inches, inner 23 inches, outer 40 inches. The targets this year will be of canvas instead of iron, as in former years. Certain changes also have been made in the system of marking.