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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Hon. Edward Blake, Finance Minister, was re-elected by acclamation to the Commons for South Bruce on the 2nd inst.

During the absence in Europe of Hon. Mr. McKenzie, Minister of Public Works, Hon. Mr. Huntington will administer the affairs of that department.

Capt. Hopper has resigned the charge of No. 5 Battery Garrison Artillery, and the stores have been transferred to Lt. Maingy, who takes command of the Battery while in Camp at Brockville.

The troops which are to form the camp at Niagara for the annual drill assembled on the 2nd with the exception of the artillery and a portion of the cavalry. The camp will be commanded by Lt. Colonel Durie, D. A. G.

The conviction of Greaves and Sparham, the Brockville abortionist, an appeal against which was carried to Toronto, has been sustained by the Judges. Their only hope of escaping the execution of the sentence now rests on the clemency of the Executive.

Reports from the Upper Ottawa state that fire is committing great ravages in many of the timber limits on the Mattawan and Kippewa. One firm have had several houses burned and a variety of farming implements.

Freights on lumber from Ottawa to New York have been reduced 50 cents per 1,000 ft. since the opening of navigation.

The improved target, the invention of Lt. Col. Brunel, of this city has attracted attention in England. It is understood that drawings of the target have been ordered by the Rifle Association with the view of the adoption of the improved article for use at the Wimbledon matches.

The Restigouche Bridge, on the Intercolonial Railway, was thoroughly tested on the 2nd inst. The deflection of each span, under a weight of 81 tons, was only from a quarter to half an inch. This bridge connects the Provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick. It is 1,000 feet in length, divided into five spans of 200 feet each.

\$10,000 was raised in ten minutes at a meeting in the Metropolitan W. M. Church, Toronto, last night, for the purpose of erecting a fence and beautifying the grounds around that building.

Canada is to have 57,000 square feet of accommodation in the Centennial building, Philadelphia.

A special despatch from London (Eng.) says that the condition of affairs between the British Government and Burmah is critical, and a peaceable settlement of the difficulty seems impossible.

A St. John, N. F., despatch of June 2nd, says: "Nearly all the sealing vessels have returned from their second trip, and, with few exceptions, have proved unsuccessful. The crew of the *Porteous*, made thirty four pounds per man on the season; the crew of the *Nimrod*, thirty eight; and crew of the *Ariel*, only four. There is every indication of a prosperous western fishery the coming season."

At the recent meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America, held in Sarnia, the brethren presented their Grand Master Lt. Col. Bowell, with an address inscribed on vellum, accompanied by a portrait of himself, painted by Mr. Sawyer, and a magnificent tea and breakfast set of solid silver, valued at \$1,200, in recognition of his services on behalf of the Order.

The Militia Department is making arrangements for the early distribution of the money granted by Parliament at the last session to the veterans of 1812. It is probable that the payments will be made about the first of July. There are nearly three thousand applicants, but it is likely that many of these will be unable to establish their claims. It does not seem possible that there can be any such number, now alive, of the militia force in active service sixty three years ago.

Mr. LeSueur, of the Post Office Department, has succeeded in effecting a modification of the Convention with the United States relating to money orders.

Extensive preparations are being made in Boston to celebrate the Bunker Hill Centennial on the 17th June. It is arranged that there will be a procession numbering 30,000 men, and about 8 miles in length, which will form an important feature of the celebration.

A fearful wind and rain storm passed over parts of Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and other states, on the night of the 2nd. At Columbus, Ohio, the roof of the east wing of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, covering a space about 110 feet long by 40 wide, was blown to the ground. Walls chimneys, and large trees were also blown down. An accident on the Bellefontaine road was caused by the washing away of a culvert near Fortville. The Engineer and fireman were instantly killed. The country in the vicinity of Fortville is inundated. The loss is estimated at over a quarter of a million dollars.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales will be accompanied on his visit to India by four well known representatives of London journals. Dr. Russell, going for the *Times*, Mr. Forbes, for the *News*, Mr. Henry, for the *Standard*, and Mr. Edwin Arnold for the *Telegraph*.

The first sod of the Canada Pacific Railway was turned at Fort William on the 2nd inst.

A Paris despatch, dated June 2nd, says: "The journals here to-day publish articles urging upon England and Russia a union with the avowed purpose of permitting no European power to disturb the peace of Europe."

They have a scheme in operation in England for the extinction of the national debt, which, with great complication, will extinguish in 100 years £91,000,000 or less than £1,000,000 a year.

The New Orleans *Times*, in commenting on the sugar crop prospects of Louisiana, says: "The prospects are favorable for another prosperous year. The stand obtained is, on the whole, very satisfactory."

The Duke of Argyll's new deer forest is about six miles round, has just been finished, and some two hundred deer were driven into it lately. The fencing is composed of twelve wires, is eight feet high, and is quite deer proof.

In the House of Lords, on the night of May the 31st, Lord Derby, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said of the recent war cloud, that Britain and Russia had removed the misunderstanding between Germany and France, which otherwise must have led to war.

The *Post* says it has reason to believe that there is every likelihood of the Governments of Russia and England coming to a friendly arrangement in the question of Central Asia. The Parliamentary Whip has invited supporters of the Government to meet in "Diaraeli" this afternoon.

An unsigned letter in the *Times* gives a clear explanation of the recent warlike movements. The writer says: "A few weeks ago the German Ministers at various European Courts officially complained that France was arming with a view to an early beginning of war anew. General Von Scherwitz, German Minister in Vienna, declared that owing to Germany's long suffering, war had not yet broken out. The Czar thereupon telegraphed the Emperor William, entreating him to defer operations until the Berlin interview. He also instructed the Russian Ambassador at St. James to suggest the co-operation of Great Britain in behalf of Peace."

*Le Nord*, the organ of the Prussian Government in its editorial article of 31st ult. says that in consequence of the recent attitude of England to maintain peace in Europe, public opinion in Germany is agitating the irrevocable exclusion of England from the Council of the Continental Powers.

It is estimated that Paul Boynton in crossing tides and currents of the Channel paddled 34 miles.