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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The following members of the New Cabinet have been re-elected by acclamation:—The Hon. Alex. MacKenzie, Premier; Hon. D. A. Macdonald, Postmaster General; Hon. M. Fournier, Minister of Inland Revenue; Hon. A. J. Smith, (N. B.) Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Hon. A. A. Dorion, Minister of Justice.

The *Globe* announces the following changes in the Ontario Cabinet:—Mr. McKellar is to assume the joint position of Minister of Agriculture and Provincial Secretary; Mr. Pardee is to be Crown Land's Commissioner, and Mr. Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works. Meanwhile Mr. Fraser is to succeed Mr. Pardee as Provincial Secretary.

The St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, has adopted the terms of union of the Scotch Church with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

It is stated that the Quebec Government intend to cancel the land grant to a number of Railways and grant money subsidies instead, amounting to about \$3,000,000.

All the colliery companies in the Glasgow and Cape Breton Line have amalgamated under the title of "The Cape Breton Coal Co," limited; capital, £600,000 sterling. It is now one of the largest corporations operating in the Province, having Sydney and Louisburg as terminal ports of shipment.

The *S.S. Alhambra* of the Gulf Line left Victoria on Monday to search for the missing steamer *Pictou*. Nothing has been heard from her yet.

The ship *Cyde*, from St. John, N. B., for Sharpness Point, was wrecked off Valentia, Ireland, and ten of the crew drowned.

Sir Robert Hodgsons, has been appointed Lieut. Governor of P. E. I., vice W. C. F. Robinson, resigned.

The Allan steamer *Sarmatian* has been chartered to convey troops to the gold coast.

The *Bark Bay*, Capt Kerns, from Quebec, with timber for the Tyne, has arrived at North Sydney, O B, nearly water logged; will have to discharge.

Mr. E Hamel, the Canadian artist, has received instructions to paint a life size portrait of the present speaker of the Senate, the Hon. P. J. O. Charbon, which is intended for the Parliament picture gallery at Ottawa. Mr. Hamel has already painted the portrait of the late Speaker of the Legislative Council, which graces the Council Chamber. He is now engaged on that of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Hon. Dr. Blanchet, which will shortly be placed in the halls of our Provincial Legislature.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been created a City.

Charles Livingstone, brother of the great African explorer, is dead.

Tweed has been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment, and a fine of \$12,550.

Since the year 1862, this season has been the most disastrous experienced by the Gloucester, Mass., fishing fleet. During the year 24 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 1,287 tons have been lost, and 152 lives sacrificed.

Cartagen was bombarded eight hours on Thursday by the land batteries. The town, and the man-of-war, *Medes*, replied with vigor. The outlying fort, Don Juan, was silenced by the fire of the besiegers. It is reported that its commandant and several others were killed. It is believed that propositions for the surrender of the city will soon be made.

The Rothschild's announce a Russian five per cent. loan of \$75,000,000.

The following is the official list of the French Ministry announced on 26th inst:—Minister of the Interior, Duke De Broglie; Foreign Affairs Duke De Cassels; War, Gen. Duval; Finance, Pierre Magne; Justice, De Puyet; Minister of Public Institutions and Worship, Fourbier; Agriculture and Commerce, De Seilligny; Public Works, De Larcy; Marine and Naval, De Hornoy. M. M. Beule Ernoul and Balbie are the members of the previous Ministry who have retired.

The *SS Koenig Wilhelm* from New York has gone ashore near Nicwe Dieppe on the coast of Holland. The passengers are all

safe. It is expected that it will be necessary to unload her before she can be got afloat.

A communication from the Spanish Minister of Cuba under date of the 24th instant, is published to day in the *Official Gazette*, it is in substance as follows:—

The Government of the Republic are resolved to secure the faithful observance of the treaty of agreements contracted between Spain and Foreign Nations, desiring to avoid all grounds for demands from the citizens of such nations, and moved by the same reasons which impelled the council of ministers to disect, to the predecessor of your Excellency, then in command of the Island, their telegram of the 15th September last, has decided that you should order the immediate and strict compliance with the instructions of the ministry under my charge; and should place the estates of foreign citizens, acquired through the action of the gubernatorial administration, in such a position that those who have rights therein may enter into possession by the order of the said Government. I communicate this to your Excellency, that it may take effect as desired, which, by order of his Excellency, is inserted in the *Gaeta* for general information."

So far as the Philadelphia navy yard is concerned, no orders have as yet been received for the suspension of work. On the contrary, the work in hand is not only being pushed to completion, but fresh orders have been received. To-day Admiral Porter made a tour of inspection among the vessels at the yard, and a despatch was received ordering the despatch boat *Pinta* to proceed to sea immediately.

The *Iquidad* newspaper justifies the execution of the *Virginius* captives, and cites, as a precedent for the action of the Spanish authorities, the circular issued by the U. S. Government during the civil war, declaring the Confederate privateers pirates.

A special despatch from Washington, contains the statement that Secretary Fish and Admiral Polo, the Spanish Minister, have agreed upon a basis of settlement of the *Virginius* matter, which agreement has just been transmitted to the Spanish Government by telegraph.