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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Kemptville was visited on the 7th by a whirlwind which done considerable damage, destroying a large number of houses in the village. The whirlwind lasted a few seconds. Trees and fences that were in the track of the gale were levelled to the ground. The station house of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway was completely destroyed, and Mr. Laing station agent, was considerably hurt. There were several other accidents, but no lives lost.

Ottawa was visited with another destructive conflagration on the morning of the 10th. This time the premises destroyed belonged to Mr. P. Lesuer, and were only recently erected. The buildings were on the corner of Kent and Wellington Streets, and occupied by tradesmen with the exception of the dwelling house on Kent Street which was occupied by the Hon. Mr. MacKenzie. The computed amount of property destroyed is about \$40,000, partially covered by insurance.

An addition to the Western Block is planned, and the site is picketed out. The work will likely be commenced in the fall.

The Dominion Board of Trade meets in St. John, N. B., on the 16th July.

Hon. Charles McPherson died at his residence, Fredericton on the 8th inst.

Lord Dufferin and party left Quebec on the 10th instant for Gaspé, on a fishing excursion.

Mr. Murdoch of the Canada Pacific Engineering Staff, left Toronto on the 10th inst. for Fort Garry and Pembina.

Mr. Sergeant who it is stated has been appointed to the management of the Grand Trunk Railway, is the Manager of the South Devon Railway, and is a man of a very large railway experience.

The Carleton County Council at their recent sitting voted \$400 to the city of Ottawa Agricultural Society.

The Premier, Hon. Alex. McKenzie, left town on the 8th, in company with Colonel Fletcher, for Kingston, to inspect the military works there.

According to the Fisheries Department, the spring herring fishery at Magdalen Islands has been very successful. There are fifteen Canadian and five United States vessels engaged in it. The seal fishery was about an average catch. Thirteen vessels composed the sealing fleet, one of which was lost in the ice, the crew barely saving themselves. The others brought home 3,500.

The proposed Reciprocity Treaty with the United States meets with but little favor in St. John, N. B. The Maritime Provinces want the coasting trade thrown open to their shipping on equal terms. A telegram says: As understood at St. John at present the interests of the business people of that city are in danger of being sacrificed.

The North West Police Force safely reached St. Paul's on the 11th and intended leaving almost immediately for Fargo, a small place on the Northern Pacific Railway, a mile beyond Moorhead and on the West side of the Red River, where the expected to arrive on the 12th. The march across the Prairies from Fargo to Dufferin will be in the vicinity of two hundred miles, and it is expected they will accomplish it in about eight days.

The Philadelphia Grand Lodge of Masons contributed \$10,000 to the relief of the Louisiana sufferers.

Jos Ward, one of the most experienced workmen in the oil business, has been engaged by the Hudson Bay Company to proceed to Red River to test that country for oil. Ward starts in about three weeks, taking with him four hands, machinery and everything required to sink an oil well.

Two Brigade camps for No. 2 district will be held in September at Niagara and Barrie.

In the English House of Commons on the 11th, Mr. Bourke, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question from John Seymour, said the draft of the code sent by the Government of Russia for the consideration of the Congress upon international law, soon to be assembled at Brussels, relates to the exercise of military authority in an enemy's country; the distinction between combatants and non-combatants; the various modes of warfare, reprisals and treatment of prisoners. Bourke added that the British Government had not yet decided whether it would send delegates to the Congress.

The Madrid Gazette publishes a circular and letter addressed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the diplomatic representatives of Spain, promising the re-establishment of peace in Spain and Cuba, and that when the present exceptional condition of affairs is terminated the complete establishment of representative institutions shall become the guaranty of moral order.

A Honolulu letter says the new King in his opening speech to Parliament opposed the cession of the Paul Islands to the United States, but favoured a commercial treaty with the United States and a subsidy to Australian steamships stopping en route at the Sandwich Islands.

A Paris special to the Times says the Left Centre to-day will probably introduce a bill the first clause of which organizes the Republic according to the bill of 1873. The second fixes the date of the dissolution of the Assembly. The Gazette de France says civil war will be the ultimate consequence of dissolution. The Assembly before dispersing will authorize MacMahon to govern some months, probably a year without an Assembly and will also authorize him to dissolve the next Assembly. The crowd at the depot last evening numbered 10,000. The police clearly manifested sympathy with the Bonapartists.

A despatch from the Spanish frontier says that numerous bands in the Basque Province have revolted against Don Carlos commanding in peace. Don Carlos has ordered that upon capture they shall be shot.

A despatch from Morocco says that twelve thousand inhabitants of the city of Fez have risen in consequence of the reimposition of the great tax. All business was stopped, but at the last accounts there had been no fighting. It was hoped that the Sultan would yield to the desires of the people and remove the objectionable tax.

Despatches to the Daily Telegraph from Berlin assert that the differences between the Kedive of Egypt and the Sublime Porte are serious and intimates that grave complications in the East are probable.

It is rumoured that Colonel Sir A. Alison Bart, K.C.B. is about to resign his appointment as Assistant Adjutant General of Division, and that he will probably be succeeded by Colonel Lord Clarina, 97th Regiment, who is shortly expected to return home from Jamaica.

The tide seems to be running for the moment against the Ritualists of England. Two cases, one at Exeter and the other at Liverpool, have been decided against them and Archbishop Tait has introduced in the House of Lords a bill which is intended to clip their wings.

THE GENEVA AWARD — The Geneva Award Claims question was discussed in the House of Representatives, Washington, on the 10th inst. The total amount of claims filed by forty two insurance companies for losses by the Alabama, Florida, and their tenders, and by the Shenandoah, after she left Melbourne, is \$5,000,000. The claim of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, of New York, amounts to \$1,653,886. The next largest are the Great Western Insurance Company, of New York, \$309,935; the Columbia Insurance Company, of New York, \$575,093, and the China Mutual Insurance Company, of Boston, \$171,000.