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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The gale of Wednesday last, was one of the severest that has occurred on this Continent for some time—doing immense damage. It spread all over from North to South, increasing in intensity as it progressed Southward. At Halifax such damage was done to the wharves and shipping. At Toronto the end of the new Knox College building was blown out. At Philadelphia it did considerable damage to the Centennial buildings, and in fact throughout the whole of the Northern States, it raged with great fury—roofing houses, blowing down factories, farm buildings, &c., &c., and we fear when the history of its doings is written it will be found that several lives have been sacrificed to its fury.

The Ottawa and Arnprior Curling Clubs have played off for the Royal Caledonian Tankard, the former winning by twelve points. The score stood, Ottawa 45, Arnprior 33.

Mr. W. H. Fuller, late editor of the Kingston *Whig*, has been appointed a member of the Board of Examiners in Military District No. 3, for examination of candidates for cadetship in the Military College, which meets on the 8th inst.

The Bill to change the Presidential term from four to six years was lost by a vote of 154 nays, to 106 yeas, in United States Congress.

Sir John Glover has been unsuccessful in his mission to France to purchase the Newfoundland coast fisheries from that country. He says the French authorities show considerable resentment at the discussion of the subject by the English papers.

The *Fredericton Reporter* says that Lieut. Col. Maunsell D.A.G. has been appointed by the New Brunswick Brigade Garrison Artillery, as a delegate from that Province to attend a meeting, to be held at Ottawa during the session of Parliament, for the purpose of forming a Dominion Artillery Association. The Colonel will also attend the meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association which will take place about the same time.

A large collection of specimens of minerals, principally from the district east of Lake Huron, on exhibition at the rooms of the Ontario Advisory Board, Toronto. They consist principally of iron ores, and are to be sent to the Centennial at Philadelphia as Ontario's contribution to the mineral department.

Considerable dissatisfaction exists in England at the proposed arrangement of having separate teams from England, Scotland and Ireland at the coming rifle meeting at Philadelphia.

The London *Times* considers that Secretary Fish's calling upon European Powers to cooperate with the United States with regard to Cuba, is a virtual surrender of the Monroe doctrine.

A special despatch to the *Times* from Berlin says that Russia has cautioned the Sultan against going to war with Montenegro.

A Russian telegraphic agency has special advices from Constantinople that the Porte in order to eradicate insurrection, is disposed to recognize the independence of Montenegro and cede to it a port on the Adriatic.

Advices from the Cape of Good Hope report that the Zambesi Mission has succeeded in placing a steamer on Lake Nyanza. One hundred natives were employed to carry the vessel past the Murchison Cataracts.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says it is proposed that the manoeuvres of this year shall be held on a more extensive scale than usual. A definite decision is still to be come to as to the locality in which the operations shall be carried on, and also as to numbers, but the Staff of the Commissariat and Transport Department is fully prepared to find the capabilities of the new organization put to a severe test. Between 2,000 and 3,000 horses are understood to be required. Surveys have been made and reports drawn up.

A crowded public meeting was held recently in the Music Hall, Worcester, for the purpose of protesting against the circular recently issued by the Government to commanders of British men of war respecting the giving up of fugitive slaves. The Mayor of Worcester (Mr. F. Woodard) presided. Mr. T. Rowley Hill, M. P., strongly condemned the circular, and expressed his intention of opposing any measure in Parliament which would tend to countenance or imply complicity with the slave trade on the part of England. Resolutions condemnatory of the circular, and expressing dissatisfaction with the Government for having issued it, were passed, and copies will be sent to the Prime Minister and the Marquis of Hartington.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* understands that extensive orders have been received by private firms in England through agents of the Chinese Imperial Government, for detached portions of Martini Henry rifles in the rough, which are to be made ready for transmission to the East with as little delay as possible. They will be finished in China.

The National Rifle Association withdraws the notice to those wishing to compete for a place in the British team that they must guarantee to pay their own expenses. Subscriptions have been promised in favour of those who are not able to pay.

A despatch from Pesth says the people by thousands are flocking to take a last view of the remains of M. Deak. The members of the Hungarian Diet take turns in watching the body.

Consequence of the number of fraudulent enlistments which have taken place, a recruit brought to Woolwich Police Court to be attested is distinctly warned, by order of the magistrates, that a false answer to any of the questions put to him will subject him to three months' imprisonment as a rogue and a vagabond.

An order has been issued by the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief that the carcasses of dead horses are not to be interred within 200 yards of inhabited buildings, wells or other source of water supply, and that when buried they should be covered with quicklime.

During the month of September two shiploads of slaves, rescued by British cruisers were landed at Frere Town, the new settlement in the Island of Mombasa, Eastern Africa. Many of these freedmen are mere children, and come into the hands of the missionaries in the most wretched condition.

The Vienna correspondent of the London *Times* reports that an English Episcopal Church is being built in that city, towards the cost of which the Queen has given £150 and the Prince of Wales £50.

Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice, the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria, has been betrothed to Prince Louis of Battenberg, now in India with the Prince of Wales.

The mission of Mr. Outrey to Egypt for the purpose of fostering French influence, is a failure. The *Times'* Cairo letter says that Mr. Outrey interfered between the Khedive and English and French capitalists who are competing in negotiating for further advances to Egypt. The Khedive inclines to the English, but wishes to conduct the operations on a purely commercial basis, and select the party offering the best terms. This displeased Mr. Outrey, and there has been a consequent disagreement.

The St. Petersburg Ministerial newspaper says that the Russian authorities in Turkestan finding their 40,000 men insufficient to suppress the rebellion, have asked for the immediate despatch of 5,000 reinforcements to Tashkend. According to the latest advices from Khokand, the Insurgents have been joined by Kashgan soldiers, calling themselves deserters from Yakook Begs' army, while the Ameer of Bokhara has gone to Sharisbuk, where he is collecting troops. His presence there has excited an armed rebellion in the neighbouring Russian territory of Zirofshan.