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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

We published last week a Militia General Order for a competitive examination in each Military District of the Dominion, of Candidates for admission to the Military College, Kingston, to commence on Tuesday, 5th December, 1876. Thus giving the various military schools ample time to prepare their pupils for this competitive examination; and we shall not fail to notice the school carrying off the palm for having produced the largest number of successful aspirants to our new Military College. Indeed we think a prize should be offered by the Government as an additional inducement for competition.

Our old friend Lieut. Colonel Robert Love lace, of Montreal, and cavalry drill instructor to the Canadian army, who formerly held a commission in the Turkish army, has been promised promotion to the rank of Major General on condition of his entering the Turkish service at the present juncture. We understand the gallant Colonel has declined the offer for several reasons.

Mr. Sandford Fleming and family proceed to England by steamer from Quebec on the 15th inst. The duties of his office will, we understand, be carried on during his absence by Mr. Marcus Smith.

We are glad to learn that the Marine and Fisheries Department have received information that the disputed rights of French fishermen on the coast of Newfoundland have been amicably settled between the Governments of Great Britain and France. All territorial rights on the shore belong to the British, who undertake to preserve law and order, but French fishermen will be allowed to use the beach lines for drying their fish.

Hon. Mr. Burpee, Minister of Customs, has written a note to the Washington Government, through the British Ambassador, setting forth in full the Canadian case with reference to reciprocal navigation of the canals and waters of both countries, under the Washington Treaty. The action taken by the Canadian Government meets with the approval of the shippers and forwarders of the Dominion, and is expected to lead to an equitable agreement alike beneficial to the interests of the mercantile trade of both countries.

The annual inspection of the Ottawa Cavalry Troop took place at Cartier Square on Thursday last. The Inspecting Officer, Lieut. Colonel Jackson, D.A.G., paid a high compliment to the officers for the efficiency the Troop had made in their drill since his last inspection, and for the clear and fine soldier-like appearance of the Troop.

One of the Allans' vessels lately brought out a number of guns, field pieces, and car-

riages, for the Militia Department; some of them being conveyed to the Province of Ontario, and the remainder are to be removed to the arsenal at St. Helen's Island, Montreal.

A veteran of 1812 called at the Militia Department one day last week to receive his \$20 gratuity. He was 82 years old, and was accompanied by his father, aged 101. The latter was asked if he too had not served, but the centennarian replied that at the time of the war he was exempted, as he was too old and had a large family dependent upon him.

We are pleased to learn that a large fish trade has sprung up on the Intercolonial Railway since its opening. Every train brings large quantities of fresh salmon for the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario markets.

The yacht race between the New York Yacht Club's *Madeline* and Major Gifford's *Countess of Dufferin* for the Queen's Cup, comes off on the 10th, 12th, and 14th July.

Last week a French-Canadian from Quebec, named Mousseau, attempted to walk across the Ottawa River in cork boots. He got as far as the middle of the stream, when the swiftness of the current compelled him to return, which he did without accident.

Hon. A. N. Richards has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

There was an international rifle match in Oswego, on Tuesday last, between 49th Hastings Rifles of Belleville, Canada, and the 48th National Guards of Oswego, United States. The teams consisted of six men each, and the ranges were 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots were given each man at the different ranges. At 200 yards the score stood: Belleville, 177; Oswego, 174; at 500 yards—Belleville, 150; Oswego, 145; at 600 yards—Belleville, 98; Oswego, 133. During the shooting a heavy storm prevailed.

Mexican advices to Havana announce the death of General Santa Anna, June the 20th, aged 84.

It was merely rumoured in our last that Serbia and Montenegro had thrown off the yoke of their allegiance to the Turkish Empire; but this week we have to chronicle it as a fact—that war has really broken out, and several small engagements have taken place with variable success to the parties engaged. As usual the news is contradictory, but the most reliable accounts give the advantage thus far to the Servians, but is more than probable the Turks will ultimately prevail over their revolted subjects if strict neutrality is observed by the Northern Powers.

Servian official despatches announce that hostilities commenced on the south eastern frontier on Monday, 3rd July. The Servians were successful in several engagements; they captured the fortified camp of Boblinaglar

by assault, after three hours' fighting. The position was defended by several batteries; the Turks abandoned their arms and baggage. The river Drina was crossed on Monday, and engagements ensued before Belchina.

The *Times* of Tuesday contains a special despatch from Vienna, stating that the Governor of Rutchuk declares the Turks do not intend to operate on the Danube with gunboats.

The *Times*, in a telegram, dated Cattaro, July 3rd, says:—"Scouts report that Moukhtar Pasha has abandoned Gatschiko, and retreated into Bosnia, and that the Montenegrins are following up their victory over the Turkish expedition sent against the Rutchi. Medum is beleaguered, and Podgoritza is threatened."

A special from Belgrade to the *Echo* says the Servians have captured the Turkish outworks near Belina, and burned the town.

A council of French Ministers has discussed the Eastern news. It is thought that all the European powers will adopt a policy of non-intervention, to which France is unalterably attached.

The *Standard's* Vienna despatch says Gen. Tchernayeff has issued a proclamation promising Russian aid if the war turns out unfavorable to Servia. Further details of fighting at Suitschan have been received, according to which 1,300 Servians were killed, and 1,500 wounded fell into the hands of the Turks. The latter lost 450 killed and 800 wounded.

The Greek Government has assured the Porte of its pacific sentiments.

The *Standard* this morning has a special from Belgrade stating that 260 more wounded soldiers have arrived there. A harrowing rumour has been current that General Seach's army was almost totally destroyed. The war Minister Nickalich had taken General Seach's command in person. Wounded soldiers who had arrived at Belgrade from Drisa stated that 6,000 Servians were wounded at Bsselina.

The *Standard* Berlin special says.—The following points were discussed at the Reichstoft:—The Danube question, Austria's demand, opposing formation of a great Servian power, and interference at proper time in favour of Armistice.

The *Morning Post's* Berlin despatch says Prince Gortchokoff and Count Andrassey have telegraphed Prince Bismarck the result of the interview of the Emperor at Reichstoft. Austria is opposed to the aggrandizement of Servia and Russia, and demands the free passage of the Dardanelles.

The rumor of the capture of Neyerzigre is contradicted.