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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Council of the Ontario Agricultural and Arts Association, which have been in Session here during the past week, were entertained at lunch at the Rideau Club by Mr. Alonro Wright, M. P. Mr. Wright occupied the chair with Hon. Speaker Christie on his right, and Hon. Mr. McKeller on his left. Mr. J. M. Currier, M. P., occupied the vice chair. After the removal of the cloth the chairman gave "Our Agricultural friends from the West." To which the Hon. Mr. McKeller responded, thanking the Ottawa gentlemen for the kindness, they, as Western men, had received during their stay in the city. He had long been anxious for the Provincial Exhibition to be held in Ottawa. In speaking of the prospects of the country he said he was of opinion that the cereals of the district were, considering the long winter and consequently late spring, in a capital state and most astonishingly forward. He rejoiced to see the entire absence of sectional feeling in the matter of east and west, what little ever did exist has now been blotted out. They were banded together for one common and good purpose, and no political sentiment would interfere with their operations. The buildings were the best in the Dominion, and the grounds were decidedly the prettiest. For his part, he would do all in his power to induce the western people to visit the Ottawa Exhibition, for which he predicted a grand success.

The Council were also entertained by Mr. Currier, at his residence, previous to the breaking up of the Council.

We regret to learn that Mr. Albert Prince, Q. C., ex-M. P. for Essex, was drowned on Thursday morning last, whilst bathing in front of his own residence near Windsor.

George Brown, the oarsman, died at Halifax on the 8th aged 36. He was a general favorite, and one of whom Nova Scotians were justly proud.

We understand that arrangements are being made by Mr. Foster and the directors of the Coteau Landing Railway to commence the Canada Central extension and resume work on the Ottawa and Coteau Landing Railway almost immediately. The two roads will connect at Ottawa and form a direct line.

The annual competition of the Provincial Rifle Association will commence at Bedford N. S., on the 17th of August, so that competitors may have an opportunity of attending the Dominion competition at Ottawa.

The seventh annual prize meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association will be held over the Association Ranges, Garrison Common, Toronto, commencing at two o'clock, on Tuesday, 31st of August.

The London correspondent of the *Globe*, writing on the 17th June, says: "The Hon. Mr. Mackenzie attended last night the select ball at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Mackenzie has had several interviews with the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

Colonel Bull has been elevated to the Bench.

The House of Lords, England, has passed the Canadian Copyright Bill.

Red Cloud and Spotted Tail have sold out for some horses, cows and wagons. The bargain will stop the threatened war.

The Canada Club gave a dinner on Thursday evening to the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada. The Earl in response to a toast said the prevailing passion of Canadians was the desire to maintain intact their relation with England. It was impossible to overstate the depth of universality of this sentiment. He expatiated on the friendly relations between Canada and the United States, and said every thoughtful citizen of the United States was convinced that the fate of Canada is unalterably fixed and contemplates the progress of Canada with generous enthusiasm. The Americans are wise enough to understand the benefit arising from the existence on the same continent of a political system offering many points of contrast, and friendly relations with their own. The *Standard* in a review of Lord Dufferin's speech at the dinner of the Canada Club, decries immigration into the United States, and believes in spite of Lord Dufferin's disavowal, that the Americans still covet Canada and would assert claim to the St. Lawrence as greedily as to the Mississippi, if they were not restrained by prudence. The *Standard* continues, "We wish Canadians to understand that England regards them as Englishmen and would fight for Canada as for Kent. A suggestion to abandon Canada would overthrow the strongest Ministry England has ever known." The *Times*, in its article on the same subject, says—"Canada has been advancing rapidly, but not so fast nor with so free a stride as the United States. If any Canadians formerly felt a lurking wish to join the Republic, they became loyal when they saw the enormous load of debt and taxes left by the civil war. Canadians might, however, have sought annexation ere this in some fit of petulance if the Mother Country had left them any grievance. But on the whole they scarcely felt the restraint of the Imperial Government. Canadian loyalty has been admirable, but we may yet have to call for larger proofs of patriotism if we intend to knit the colonies into a firmer union with the Mother Country, so as to make them a source of strength instead of a weakness in time of war."

The "catch" of grasshoppers in Nicolet county, Minn., up to last Saturday night, as reported to the county auditor, was 6,777 bushels.

In the House of Commons on the 8th, the Hon. Mr. Disraeli made a statement in regard to the contemplated visit of the Prince of Wales to India. He said a grant simply suitable for a visit to the colonies would not be in place for a journey through India, though the Viceroy had intimated that the custom of making ceremonial presents need not be observed, yet the Prince must be placed in a position to exercise generosity and display splendor. It would, however, be undignified to enter into a discussion upon this point. His Royal Highness will start for India on the 17th of October, and his visit will last for six months. The expenditure to insure the necessary pomp and dignity would be \$750,000. Macdonald, John O'Connor, Power, Burt and Peter Fowler made speeches protesting against the grant for the Prince of Wales' trip. The debate on the measure will take place on the 15th inst.

Lord Hamilton, under Secretary of State for India, in reply to an inquiry of Grant Duff, into the difficulty between Great Britain and Burmah, said the earlier matters in dispute had been satisfactorily arranged, but the murder of Mr. Morganey, necessitated the Government's instructing that the King of Burmah should give every facility for the punishment of offenders. The King had refused to permit the passage of British troops through Burmah, but Lord Hamilton hoped that he would yield to the representations of the British Envoy, and thus prevent a collision.

A fearful storm has visited the Swiss canton of Geneva and the French frontier. It was accompanied with hail stones of immense size. The glass in all the windows in the district where the storm raged, are broken, and many persons killed and injured.

The estimated destruction by inundations in the south west of France will amount to 300,000,000 francs. The number of lives lost is estimated at 300.

President McMahon continues his tour through the inundated district.

The Paris journals have opened subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers, and benefit performances are announced at the Opera. The Southern Railway Company has sent 5,000 francs to the Mayor of Toulouse for the destitute.

China will allow no more coolies to go to Cuba. Spain is indignant and threatens war, but Spain could not whip one side of China—in fact cannot do her own whipping.