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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Major General E. Selby Smyth, appointed to command the Militia of the Dominion, accompanied by Captain the Hon. Miles Stapleton, Coldstream Guards, as A. D. C., arrived in Ottawa on Thursday 15th inst.

Major Futvoye, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, arrived on the 15th inst. after spending a few days at St. Johns, P. Q., where it is understood he intends to establish himself in the event of his being placed on the superannuation list.

We understand that the Government of Canada have had under consideration the claims of the Canadian Militia who fought in the war 1812, and have come to the praise worthy decision of asking Parliament for a grant of money sufficient to give the surviving veterans of that war a small pension. They well earned this, and will not have reason to feel hurt that the regular soldiery were pensioned, while they were left to suffer from neglect.

A despatch from Fort Garry dated the 16th inst. states that the Court of Queen's Bench has issued a warrant of outlawry against Lewis Riel. In the Lepine trial, now in progress. Dr. Campbell, the Bishop of Rykerts and Rev. George Young and Mr. McPherson gave evidence similar to their depositions in the investigation held last fall. The trial will, in all probability, occupy the major part of this week also.

We have received from the Secretary, Captain R. Y. Ellis, the Prize List of the Ingersoll Rifle Association, the annual matches of which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20th and 21st at the Association ranges, Hislop's farm, where prizes amounting to \$570 will be competed for. Firing to commence at 8 o'clock. Volunteers to appear in uniform.

Mr. Dawson, after three days "pow wowing" the Indians at the North West Angle, completed the Treaty of last year by locating the Reserves for the different Chiefs and their bands.

Major McDonald, of the Militia Staff of Ottawa, reached Fort Garry on the 16th inst. via the Dawson route, with a large quantity of stores.

Mr. Hugh Blackador, formerly editor and part proprietor of the Halifax recorder, has been appointed Postmaster of Halifax.

Advices from Melbourne state that the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire has been formally carried out. Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Governor of New South Wales, hoisted the British flag on Fiji soil.

A report is current, but discredited in Paris, that Ex President Thiers, who is in Italy, has been captured by brigands,

The steamship *California* which arrived at Victoria, B. C., on the 29th ult., brought \$150,000 in gold dust from the Cassiar mines. New diggings have been struck on Deloire Creek, and there is quite a gold fever in the Pacific Province. A nugget valued at \$800 was taken from a claim on Dease Creek.

Mr. Alexander Begg, Glasgow Emigration Agent of the Ontario Government has had his commission enlarged by an appointment from the Dominion Government. He will now act as agent for emigration to any part of Canada; his address will be Robertson street, Glasgow, for which place he will leave in a few days.

The Empress of Russia arrived in England on Thursday evening and is now at Buckingham Palace. She proceeds to Eastwell Park, Kent, the residence of the Duke of Edinburgh. The occasion of her visit is the approaching accouchment of the Duchess of Edinburgh, which is expected at the end of the present month.

The *Standards* Paris correspondent telegraphs that he hears that Austria and Italy propose a conference of the powers to consider the Spanish note to France in the same manner as the Luxembourg questions was treated.

A London despatch says the compensation paid England by the Madrid Government amounts to £75,000, £40,000 of which was paid on account of the *Virginus* butchery, and the remainder covers outstanding claims. England would not recognize the present Government until all claims were admitted.

It is officially announced that the French war steamer *Oreoque* has just been recalled to Toulon. Her departure from Civita Vecchia implies no change in the relations between France and the Pope. Another vessel will be placed at the Holy Father's disposal at a French port in the Mediterranean.

The Turkish town of Akhiolyi, containing 5,000 inhabitants, and situated on the Gulf of Burghas in the Black Sea, has been totally destroyed by conflagration.

The German Government is considering a proposition for the creation of a Provincial Assembly for Alsace and Lorraine.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes, that it is generally believed that the higher court to which the case will be appealed will take a more favorable view of Von Arnim's offence than the lower court.

It is reported that a Carlist magazine at Artenga has exploded. Several bands of Carlists have recently been defeated and pursued by Republicans with an aggregate loss to the insurgents of fifty (51)

It is stated from Chatham that the authorities of the English War Department are somewhat perplexed as to the disposal of the large sum now in their hands as the proceeds of fines inflicted on soldiers for drunkenness. The whole system of rewards to non-commissioned officers and soldiers is about to undergo a thorough revision with the view to a distribution of these funds.

The Italian Consul at Bucharest has refused to open negotiations for a commercial treaty while the Jews of Roumania are deprived of their civil rights. The American consul, Mr. Peixotto, has taken the same stand.

In repairing the pavement of the Cathedral at Rouen there has been discovered in the centre of the nave a heart inclosed in a leaden box. M. Deville, the historian of the tombs of the Cathedral, thinks that the heart may be that of Sibylla, wife of Robert II, Duke of Normandy.

Pere Hyacinthe seems to agree with Mr. Disraeli as to the coming of a great war. In a speech he delivered at Geneva lately, he said, "he saw in the horizon war raising its hideous head—international war, civil war, religious war."

The death is announced at Turin of Prince John Anthony Lascaris Palmologus at the age of fifty eight. He is said to be lineally descended from the last Greek Emperors of Constantinople, and is the last of the family in the male line.

There are 314 generals of division and fifty brigades in the French army, of whom fifty have risen from the ranks. Since September 1870 134 colonels have been appointed brigadiers.

*Le Patrie* announces that the French Cabinet has decided to surmount the Vendome Column with the statue of Napoleon now in the Court of the Invalides.

It is said that the Chinese believe the rupture with Japan to be the work of Sir Harry Parkes, in revenge for their ill-treatment of him in the war of 1859.

Some young Japanese are to be sent, at the charge of the Government, to Pilsen, in Bohemia, to learn the art of brewing.

A London despatch states that England will withdraw its diplomatic representative from Rome.

Emily Goldene, with forty members of the English opera bouffe company sailed for New York on the steamer *Celtic* to day.

Herr Madai, President of the police force of the city of Berlin, has used all his influence to have Count Von Arnim sent to a private hospital, where he should be under the surveillance of the police, but without success. The Count's family have offered increased bail to the amount of 1,000,000 thalers, to secure his release from custody.