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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Provincial Fair next year will be held in Ottawa. The question lay between Kingston and Ottawa, and was decided in favor of the latter by a decisive majority.

Master Gunner Creeman, of A Battery, was on the 23rd inst presented on parade with a medal from the Imperial authorities for long service and good conduct.

The first sod of the Pembina branch of the Pacific Railway was turned on Saturday the 19th at the present northern terminus, eight miles from Winnipeg.

The abolition of the French language in the Legislature and laws of Manitoba is said to be the principle plank in the platform of the party known as the "Canadian," in view of the coming election.

Lieut. Governor Morris and party arrived at Qu. Appelle Lake on the 7th inst. Eighty lodges of Indians had arrived.

A movement is on foot in Montreal to invite the Irish riflemen, who are taking part in the United States national competition at Creedmoor, to visit Canada, and have a contest here with some of our crack shots. We trust the effort will prove successful.

About eleven o'clock on the night of the 21st the steam barge *Carleton*, the property of Captain Carleton, laden with about a quarter million feet of lumber, belonging to Hon. James Skead of Ottawa took fire nearly opposite the Long Wharf, Montreal, and was soon a mass of flames. Enough stowage way was held on the vessel to run her close to Molson's wharf when the crew, nine in number, managed to get on shore. The vessel then drifted down the St. Mary's current, as far as the Boucherville, where she sank. The cook, a Mrs. Scott, was badly burned about the arms, while rescuing her son, about 5 years old. The barge is valued at about \$11,000 without cargo. The fire originated near the boiler.

A large deer weighing 200 lbs., was killed within the city limits of Ottawa on the 22nd inst.

A son of Judge Galt, of Toronto, was accidentally shot on the island by a companion while shooting ducks. The charge entered his body, and one of the shot entered his eye the site of which he will probably lose.

The troubles in Louisiana are not yet at an end by any means, as the following resolution, passed at a mass meeting of the citizens, of the parishes of Franklin and Richmond held in the city of Delhi on the 19th, fully shows:—

Resolved, That we recognize no parish officers holding commissions solely under Kellogg, the usurper, unless force is brought to bear to compel our obedience: that we notify all officers attempting to hold office under such circumstances that they are obnoxious and must give way to those of the people's choice; as we hold as infamous all those who shall attempt to exercise official functions under a commission from the usurper; that we urge upon all other parishes to join in a similar movement.

October 15th, on the occasion of the annual reunion of the army of Tennessee, the statue of Abraham Lincoln will be unveiled in this city. The public are generally invited to attend.

Another secret conference of English trans-Atlantic steamship agents was held on the 21st. The principle object of the conference was to raise and equalize the rate of passage, and to do away with superfluous offices for the sale of tickets in the city of New York.

The Local Board of United States Steamboat Inspectors have informed the Pacific Mail Steamship Company that they will make an investigation into the causes of the disaster to the steamer *City of Guatemala*, which went ashore recently on Watkin's Island.

The British Consul at Guatemala, Mr. Magee, has, it is stated, received full compensation for the outrage he was the subject of a few months ago.

Latest advices from Aspinwall report a scuffle ending in bloodshed between the troops stationed there and some Italians in the employ of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

A military company recently formed in Vicksburg is composed of both Union and Confederate soldiers. A company in Raleigh, N.C., is similarly made up.

A New Orleans special of Sept 23rd states that the reported determination of Kellogg to arrest and try the leaders of the late riots under the state laws has caused great excitement, and it is believed that any attempt to carry out such a determination will result in bloodshed and armed resistance. The army officers oppose such proceedings, as bad faith towards the surrendered party. The threatened search of private houses for missing State arms will be resisted, unless the search be made by the United States officials.

The *New Free Press* of 19th says that the expulsion of Danish sympathizers from Schleswig is attributable to a design of Prince Bismarck to force Denmark to enter the German federation. Prince Bismarck, says the *New Free Press*, proposed to King Christian of Denmark that he should enter

the Bund with his whole kingdom, Germany then to cede the whole or Schleswig to Denmark, and to guarantee the integrity of the territory of Denmark; that the Danish fleet should become an integral part of the German fleet, and that German ports should be established in the Danish colonies, but King Christian declined to accept the proposal.

Advices from Rio Janeiro say that the Emperor, in his speech closing the Chambers on the 12th inst., congratulated the country on its satisfactory relations with foreign powers, and declared his Government would endeavor to promote agriculture by the extension of the railway system. Most important measures would be presented next session looking to electoral and educational reform, and in aid of agricultural interests.

The *Iberia* says that the Duke of Parma and Counts Caserti and Bari have had a conference with Don Carlos, at which it was agreed that Don Carlos should be the sole representative of the four Bourbon branches with presumptive rights to the French throne.

The Russian Government on account of extensive emigration of Mennonites, has undertaken to exempt the members of that sect from actual military service, but will still hold them liable to do duty as hospital attendants. The Mennonites of Volga district will probably all consent to remain under these conditions.

The Austrian Polar expedition has discovered new land, apparently of great extent which they have named, in honor of the Emperor, Franz Joseph Land, and which was visited up to 32° and sighted up to 83°.

The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce has adopted resolutions condemning the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty as prejudicial to British industry.

The Empress of Russia is expected to arrive in England on October 15, on a visit to her daughter, the Duchess of Edinburgh.

A despatch from Carlist sources denies truth of the report that Don Carlos has been recognized by four branches of the Bourbon family as their presumptive to the throne of France.

The Berlin *National Gazette* says that while the expulsion of the Danes from Schleswig was a legal measure, it was only done in a few isolated cases. The *Gazette* says that the relations between Germany and Denmark are friendly.

In an engagement in the Province of Biscay between the Republicans and Carlists the latter were defeated, many insurgents surrendering to the national forces and asking for amnesty.