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OSGOODE IN THE GAME.

Rugby Club Reorganized at the Hall—Courtney Kingstone is Captain—The Officers.

No longer will Osgoode Hall be off the football field when the Rugby season comes round. Next year there will be a strong aspirant for honors in the championship struggles, and Varsity and Queen's will have the legalites to pass before they can reign supreme in Ontario.

Yesterday the law school closed at the Hall with the annual meeting of the new Osgoode Hall Rugby Club.

There was a large attendance and great interest was manifested in the proceedings. Luggie McCarthy nominated Courtney Kingstone for captain and the nomination was supported by Messrs. Moss and Church and Kingstone was elected by acclamation. The new officers will consist of an honorary president, president, vice-president, secretary, manager and committee of three. The election resulted as follows:

Principal N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., hon. president; W. Miller Lash, president. The position of 1st vice-president was contested by Messrs. W. R. Wadsworth, T. L. Church and C. A. S. Boddy. After three or four votes were taken Mr. Church was declared elected.

For committee Messrs. R. F. McWilliams, H. G. Kingstone and C. A. S. Boddy were chosen. The other officers will be elected next fall.

FITZ WILL NOT MANAGE VARSITY.

K. G. Fitzgibbon, the popular manager of last season's Varsity champions, will not accept the same responsible position for '97. He was pressed to take the office, but as there were slight disagreements in the Rugby ranks, Mr. Fitzgibbon positively declined the honor.

AT PRINCETON'S OWN GAME.

Father Fallon, in a short speech at the Ottawa College dinner, reviewed the record of the team for the year. Although not wishing to detract from the honors of champions he said they were only keeping up old traditions. It was to men some 15 years back who built up the team that most of the honor was due. He further stated that it was the desire of his life to see Ottawa College pitted against the strong American teams to show the people of this continent what young Canadian brawn could do. A game with Princeton was nearer than most people imagined and he had promises from the members of this year's team to hold themselves in readiness for a game early next fall. He advised the team to practice the American game next spring and if a match could not be arranged of half Canadians and half American, to go in and defeat them at their own game. In a game against Harvard in 1884 College was learning the game in the first half, when the score stood 14 to 0 against them, while in the second the score was six each, with the play in College favor.

CAPRON AND MAGGIOLI AHEAD.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—John Thacher (220) defeated William Hatley (300) in the Bensinger-Siler short stop billiard tournament this afternoon by 220 to 287. Averages: Thacher 5 25-39, Hatley 7 14-39. High runs: Thacher 30, Hatley 28.

In the evening game, Lawson Perkins (260) beat William Harrison (280) by 260 to 198. Averages: Perkins 9 8-28, Harrison 7. High runs: Perkins 43, Harrison 28.

CURLING IN WINNIPEG.

Before leaving Winnipeg the Governor-General enjoyed several games with his brithers there on the ice. His final contest was with the Rev. C. W. Gordon at the Granite Curling Rink, and he had the happy satisfaction of defeating that doughty champion of the game. His Excellency's victory was such a sweeping one, too, that it will probably solace him for the two previous defeats he suffered at the hands of his reverend friend. Lord Aberdeen manifested a keen interest in the contest; he displayed good judgment in his directions, and played a first-class game himself. The players and scores were as follows:

G. F. Bryan	R. M. Thompson.		
Jas. Scraggie.	A. MacDonald.		
C. E. Carbert.	E. G. Conklin.		
Ld. Aberdeen,sk...	12	Rev. Gordon, sk..	6

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STEARNS WON EVERYTHING:

One of the largest and most hotly-contested coasting contests of the season was run at Terre Haute, Ind., recently under the auspices of the Wabash Cycling Club. E. C. Stearns & Co., have received a telegram from their Indiana representative, George C. Russell, stating that in the contest Stearns bicycles won first, third, fourth, fifth, eighth and ninth places.

DONOHUE DEFEATS MOSHER.

New York, Dec. 17.—Joe Donohue and Howard Mosher had their second of their series of races at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink last night. Donohue won easily. Mosher fell near the close of the race, but it made no difference, as he was beaten at that time. Donohue finished in 5.53 2-5.

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HAMILTON, LONDON AGREE.

A Western Conception of the Size of This Town.

One Team at Hanlan's Point and the Other Over the Don—Schedules Could be Arranged Without a Clash—Doc Sippi Talks of the Circuit—Hamilton Officials Want to Meet the Toronto Fans—Jud Smith's Sale to Syracuse.

Hamilton is still very anxious to have Toronto in the Canadian League. Up there they say that could the little backing required be secured for a Canadian League team in Toronto, and providing the Toronto Baseball Grounds could be secured, it would be profitable, not only for its owners, but for the game itself. They, of course, are prompted by Irwin's suggestion to take the Eastern team to the island. And the schedules could be made not to clash.

Doc Sippi of London is quoted as saying that he thinks "Canadian League baseball can be made pay in Toronto, even if the Eastern is continued there." Sippi is in hopes of securing St. Thomas and Port Huron, and would like to have the circuit in some sort of definite shape when the League meets in January.

The Hamilton Times yesterday said that with the experience of two years before them Toronto baseball people seem to be losing time in dickering with the Eastern League people. Of course there is time to waste, but it would pay the promoters of the game to find a place for a good strong team in the Canadian League, and allow the foreigners, who are more interested in their own pockets than in baseball in Toronto, to place a team elsewhere.

Officials of the Hamilton Club are willing to meet Toronto representatives and talk the matter over.

"Thus they recognize up there that Toronto is a great baseball centre, but whether or not this town is big enough for two league teams could only be told by an experiment.

Jud Smith was among the goods and chattels that were supposed to make Toronto's franchise in the Eastern League worth $2300. Pittsburg sold him along with Lazotte to Syracuse for $1500. And it thus looks as if Irwin can get the property pretty cheaply if he chooses to work, unless Worcester or Troy steps in ahead of him with a bid. But as the canvassers here are getting on very nicely, it is improbable that the eastern towns will be able to offer the better price. It is just possible that Toronto will revel in two baseball leagues in '97.

MONEY IN BASEBALL.

Is professional baseball an investment? Just now a strong affirmative answer could be filed with no chance of successful contradiction. One of these baseball statistical cranks who spend much time in compiling figures, has been keeping tab during the season just closed upon the daily attendance at National League parks, and he reports that a few more than 3,000,000 spectators passed the gates of the twelve grounds from April 15 to Sept. 27, says The Chicago Inter-Ocean. If these figures be correct—and they are not much out of the way—the receipts of the twelve National League clubs, including the sale of privileges, were $1,125,000 at least, an average of about $100,000 to each club. At this figure the twelve clubs' profits should foot up a total of perhaps $600,000, and will range in division from $50,000 to $7000 or $8000. The largest profit made in a single year by any club was by the Philadelphias in 1895, which was given out to be $100,000, and that sum was not far from an official statement. The New York club, with a most disastrous season and an enormous expense account, cleared $40,000 the same year. For the amount invested and the cost of running the club Cincinnati probably copped the money prize of the big league this year, while the champion Baltimores, in spite of a third successive triumph, fell off 50 per cent. in their profits, due, perhaps, to a "tired feeling" among the club's home patrons.

NEXT YEAR'S BASEBALL RULES.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Manager Hanlon of the Baltimores says that there will be no changes in the playing rules of the National League for next season. He is backed up in this by Reach of the Philadelphia club, who says practically the same thing. Hart of Chicago, the other member of the committee, has not as yet been heard from, but it is safe to say that he will be in line with his colleagues. The fact that Robinson of Cleveland came coaching abolished has arrayed Hart against its being abolished. This makes the three members of the committee a unit on that question. The idea of permitting coaching in a baseball game is so ridiculous that it deservedly merits the contempt which has met it.

ATHLETICS AT THE HALL.

The new Osgoode A. A. A.'s Board of Directors will meet at 9.30 this morning at Osgoode Hall to choose officers for next year. The following compose the directorate: Capt. Kingstone, Capt. Cross, Capt. Burns, and Messrs. Joe McMurrich, T. L. Church, C. A. Boddy, S. Shapre, D. Mills, H. A. Burbidge, W. R. Wadsworth, J. G. Merrick. Joe McDougall will likely get the presidency.

ON THE WINTER TRACKS.

Songer Rides a Winner, Clara Bauer, at 6 to 1, in the First Race When Old Logan Also Ran.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Good weather and a fast track marked to-day's sports. Five of the six races were won by outsiders.

First race, 6 furlongs—Clara Bauer, 98 (Songer), 6 to 1, 1; Bowling Green, 106 (Beauchamp), 6 to 1, 2; Katherine, 103 (Everett), 30 to 1, 3. Time 1.15¾. Miss Rouett, Hibernia Queen, Logan also ran.

Second race, mile, 2-year-olds—Anger, 99 (Relff), 2 to 1, 1; Olivia L., 94 (Powers), 9 to 5, 2; Pop Dixon, 90 (L. Smith), 30 to 1, 3. Time 1.43¼. Maxine Elliott, Boarder, Mauritius, Alma Russell, Connie Lee, Glen Albyn, Farmer Leigh also ran.

Third race, selling, mile—Helen H. II., 97 (Valentine), 3 to 1, 1; My Partner, 96, 3 to 1, 2; Alva, 96 (Rebo), 11 to 5, 3. Time 1.44. Emma Mac, C. C. Rumrill, Proverb, Dave Zacy, La Verna also ran.

Fourth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Rapalatchie, 99 (Clay), 10 to 1, 1; Nicolini, 108 (Scherer), even, 2; Albert S., 102 (A. Barrett), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.15¾. Dick Behan, Montell, Altaden, A. Fisher, Incommode, Tugilona, Virgin S. also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 7 furlongs—Tena Archer, 94 (Clay), 3 to 1, 1; Stark, 99 (Gatewood), 12 to 1, 2; Martin, 97 (Powers), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.30½. Princess Rose, Martha Smith, Remington, Prytania, Wild Tartar, Hippogriff, Sprite also ran.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—The Sculptor, 99 (Barrett), 2 to 1, 1; Campania, 99 (Burns), 5 to 2, 2; Gracie C., 102 (Sweeney), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.39½. Mollie B., Laura Davis, Sky Blue, Chicot, Little Tom also ran.

FAVORITES AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—First race, 4 furlongs—Phil Thompson, 7 to 10, 1; Frank Hawkins, 2 to 1, 2; The Doctor, 3. Time .38.

Second race, ⅝ mile—W. G. Harding, 4 to 5, 1; Enthusiast, 4 to 5, 2; Jerquet, 3. Time 1.14½.

Third race, 5½ furlongs—Vevay, even, 1, Rob Roy, 2 to 1, 2; Too High, 3. Time 1.12¾.

Fourth race ¾ mile—Joe Lee, 2 to 1, 1; Petrolman, 2 to 1, 2; Southerner, 3. Time 1.20¾.

Fifth race, 7½ furlongs—Charley B., 2 to 1, 1; Smuggler, 2 to 1, 2; Gjorlanna, 3. Time 1.44¾.

OUTSIDERS AT OAKLAND.

Oakland, Dec. 17.—First race, 5½ furlongs—Soulro, 96 (Jones), 9 to 10, 1; Jay Wheeler, 96 (Clawson), 5 to 1, 2; Candor, 124 (Hill), 5 to 2, 3. Time 1.13¾.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Palmerston, 110 (Gardner), 8 to 1, 1; Reddington, 111 (Murphy), 3 to 2, 2; Johnny Denny, 110 (Martin), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.19.

Third race, 5½ furlongs—Billy Vice, 104 (Golden), 6 to 1, 1; Altanera, 96 (Isom), 9 to 10, 2; Petrarch, 117 (Gardner), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.13.

Fourth race, mile—Schultz, 102 (Martin), 4 to 1, 1; Can Dance, 101 (Murphy), 6 to 1, 2; Flash Light, 102 (Slaughter), 7 to 2, 3. Time 1.47.

Fifth race, 6½ furlongs—Major Cook, 100 (Spencer), 11 to 5, 1; Temperance, 97 (Clawson), 10 to 1, 2; Kowalski, 103 (Golden), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.26¾.

OUTLAWS AT LOGGERHEADS.

Singerly, Dec. 17.—To-day the track was dry and fast. Parkdale track will open on New Year's Day, and Iron Hill does the same the purses will be increased and admission be made free until the other track closes down. Summaries:

First race, ⅞ mile, Elkridge, 15 to 1, 1; Candelnbra, 1 to 3, place, 2; Signora II., 3. Time 1.33.

Second race, ⅞ mile—Bird of Freedom, even, 1; Harry C., 7 to 5, place, 2; Eostre, 3. Time 1.37.

Third race, ¾ mile—Marie Lovell, 3 to 5, 1; Gold Dollar, 8 to 5, place, 2; Lochinvar, 3. Time 1.20.

Fourth race, 6½ furlongs—Fagin, even, 1; Dulcie Larondie, 3 to 5, place, 2; Oak, 3. Time 1.26.

Fifth race, 4½ furlongs—Tancred, 9 to 5, 1; Miss Julia, 5 to 1, place, 2; Velvet Rose, 5 to 1, 3. Time .59.

QUEEN'S TRIP CANCELLED.

Kingston, Dec. 17.—The contemplated American tour of the Queen's College hockey team has been knocked in the head. This morning Jock Harty received a telegram from Pittsburg, Pa., informing him of the complete destruction of the Casino Rink by fire at 2 o'clock this morning and also cancelling the trip of Queen's hockey team. The loss totals up to $40,000. The rink was a veritable palace, ice being manufactured by chemical process. During the winter Queen's team played there several matches in this rink. By its destruction Reyner and Murray, who expected to come to Pittsburg to play lacrosse with the team there, have been deprived of their trip.

COCKBURN AND THE UNKNOWN.

The live pigeon match of one hundred birds per man, two hundred dollars a side, Dominion rules to govern, between J. C. Cockburn, the Canadian wing shot, and the unknown, will take place on the Woodbine race track on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 12 o'clock.

ROYALS WIN AT PEDRO.

The League pedro match between teams of the Toronto Junction A.A. and the Royal Canadian Bicycle Club last night at the Junction, resulted in favor of the wheelmen by 22 points to 13.

ROY MILLER WINS.

Hamilton, Dec. 17.—A match bicycle race took place at the old bicycle track between Roy Miller of this city, and C. W. Werrick of Buffalo. The distance was one mile, best two in three. Miller won two straight heats in 2.26 2-5 and 2.23 3-5 respectively, by a narrow margin. The race took place yesterday afternoon.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A Batch of News Notes Culled From the Despatches and Covering All Sorts of Topics.

Viscomte Alphonse Margon, French dramatist, is dead at Paris.

The Pacific Cable Conference in London adjourned yesterday till after Christmas.

John Dean, over 70 years old, who lived alone on his farm near Marlboro, Mass., was murdered by robbers last night.

It is said the Carnegie Steel Company has reduced the price of steel rails from $28 to $25 per ton, as one result of the meeting of the steel rail pool and slow sales.

Ex-Alderman Hurtubise of Montreal has filed an abandonment of his property on the demand of G. Dastans. Liabilities about $180,000.

D. M. Hyman of Cincinnati, representing Colorado capitalists, has bought the Enterprise Mine, British Columbia, for $300,000.

Helena Ruetter, widow, and Hans Sumnerhoff, widower, both of New York, were married in London, Eng., very privately yesterday on a special license.

Hon. G. E. Foster, Sir Adolphe Caron, Mr. J. F. Quinn of Montreal and others addressed a large meeting at Cornwall last night in the interest of Mr. Leitch, the Conservative candidate.

A large number of ocean steamships, which had been held outside Sandy Hook by the storm, came in to New York harbor last night, covered with ice and snow.

Montreal dealers have reduced the price of cut nails from $2.75 to $2.5 per keg, with 10 cents per keg allowance. This is one effect of the collapse of the Wire Nail Trust.

The German Emperor has conferred a decoration upon M. Roux, a noted French chemist, and, contrary to precedent, the Frenchman has accepted the German decoration.

A bill to provide $100,000 for a home for aged and infirm colored people has been favorably reported by the Education and Labor Committee of the United States Senate. The institution will be in Washington.

Goa, the capital of Portuguese India, reports that the Ranes, a native tribe, have attacked Pernem and burned and looted the treasury. Six hundred Portuguese troops were sent and dispersed the Ranes.

John S. Hammond, once general freight agent of the Erie Railroad, was too impatient to wait for a train in the yard at Erie to move on last night, started to crawl under a car and was cut in two.

Freeman Morrow and his daughter of Pawnee, Oklahoma, formerly of Illinois, were murdered near Perkins, Ok., on Wednesday night. The man was brained with an ax. A negro has been arrested on suspicion.

The British Government has purchased 140,000 bushels of corn in the United States, which will be planted in India in the hope of alleviating the famine. The German ship Remus will carry the corn from Philadelphia.

The anthracite coal dealers have an overstock at tidewater and in storage, and there is talk of concessions in prices. The output this year from the mines has been over 2,000,000 tons less than last year. The coal barons admit having made money this year, but claim to have made nothing last year.

CORBETT SIGNS ARTICLES.

Stuart Has His Signature to Fight Lanky Bob

IN MEXICO ON MARCH 17.

Fitzsimmons is Expected in New York Within 10 Days.

George Siles Named as Referee, With Fox or Al Smith as Stakeholder—Corbett Wants a Side Bet of $10,000, So He Says—The Prize Fight Case Thrown Out of Court at San Francisco.

New York, Dec. 17.—James J. Corbett signed articles of agreement at Taylor's Hotel in Jersey City this afternoon to fight Robert Fitzsimmons for the heavyweight championship and the purse of $15,000 offered by Dan A. Stuart of Texas. The articles call for a glove fight to a finish under Marquis of Queensberry rules, the contest to come off on March 17 at a place to be named by Stuart not later than Feb. 17.

George Siler of Chicago was named as referee, and either Richard K. Fox or Al Smith as temporary stakeholder.

Stuart agreed to deposit $5000 with either Fox or Smith as an evidence of good faith when the articles were completed and the remaining $10,000 thirty days before the date of the contest, the whole amount to be forfeited and divided equally between Corbett and Fitzsimmons in case Stuart fails to bring off the fight without interference. The articles also stipulate that a forfeit of $2500 by each of the principals, said amount to be forfeited should either fail to appear in the ring, the amount so forfeited to go to the man who did appear.

Stuart reserved the right of all privileges, which drew from Corbett the only protest that was forthcoming. Corbett, P. Humphreys, W. Kelly, J. C. Eckhardt, C. Midland, C. Hollingsworth and Alf. Rubira.

NOTES FROM THE FALLS.

Action for $5000 by a Dead Man's Relatives—Church Decorators Fined—Burglary At Chippewa.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The relatives of the late William Mullen, the man who died from injuries received through falling into the sewer excavations on Park-street a few days ago, will enter an action to obtain $5000 damages from the contractors, Messrs. Garson & Co. of St. Catharines, in the Gazette office, but when the party arrived there a couple of Central office detectives were on the watch and it was decided to go to Jersey City instead. The detectives rendered themselves liable to arrest by signing articles for a prize fight in this State.

Stuart said to a reporter of the United Associated Presses that he would wait until Fitzsimmons arrived in this city to get his signature to the articles. The Australian will be here in about ten days. The Texan further said that if Fitzsimmons objected to Fox or Smith as stakeholder he would offer Bob name anyone he desired, and from these Stuart would try to select a stakeholder.

Undoubtedly Siler will be satisfactory to Fitz as he was chosen to settle the question of supremacy as between Corbett and Fitz is in a fair way of settlement.

SHARKEY GETS THE $10,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey case was argued this afternoon before Judge Sanderson, who moved to dismiss the injunction on the ground that there was no distinction between a prize contest and a prize fight, attorney Friedrich, for Fitzsimmons, asked the court not to consider outside matters, but to decide according to the allegations of the complaint. At the close of the arguments Judge Sanderson said this was the first time the matter had been presented, the former proceedings being merely ruling of decisions, no distinction being made between a glove contest and a prize fight. The Judge therefore dismissed the injunction on the ground that it was moot. This is a victory for Sharkey, and he will get the $10,000.

In rendering his decision, Judge Sanderson held that boxing and fighting were synonymous words. If the men were boxing they were fighting. It was elementary law, and if the complaint were true, as principals might be indicted and those who witnessed the contest were liable to arrest for misdemeanor. The supervisors have more than the license boxing contests than they had to license a duel. In permitting the contest the law officers had winked at a violation of the law. Sharkey had come to the court to hear the decision, went away very much crestfallen.

Sharkey was not there. The $10,000 cheque lay in the possession of the bank, where it will remain until all doubt as to who owns it has been removed. Manager Lilienthal said he would not pay the money over until advised to do so by his attorneys. Unless some other impediment should present itself the money will be paid to Sharkey to-morrow.

BOXING AT THE PRINCESS.

Harry Gilmore, one of the cleverest boxers that ever went into the ring, will spar 20 rounds with Jack Hanley in the Princess Theatre to-morrow night. The prices of admission have been put at 50c, 75c and $1, and there is every reason to expect that the show will be a good one. Tickets can be had at the Toronto Rowing Club quarters, 57 King-street west, in the Erne-Callahan bout, the former will introduce some of the work that he practised on George Dixon, Frank Bosworth, the Toronto Athletic Club's instructor, will be the referee.

THE SPUR LINE MATTER.

Wentworth County Councillors Will Ask the Railway Committee to Amend the Order.

Hamilton, Dec. 17.—(pecial.)—Wentworth County Councillors gathered this afternoon to consider the Railway Committee's report on the spur line matter, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to ptition the Railway Committee to amend teh order so as to give the county the right, title, etc., to the Hamilton and Milton Company's roads outside this city, when the county pays the $20,000 as ordered. It was also decided that if the Railway Committee at Ottawa refused to amend the order or hear the arguments of representatives from the council, the Governor-General-in-council will be petitioned in reference to the matter. A motion by Reeve Sealey to the effect that the $20,000 be paid over in the meantime, was voted down by 11 to 6.

John Barclay, 153 Young-street, has been arrested, charged with having raided Ald. O'Reilly's chicken coop last Monday night. The alderman has identified as his five Plymouth Rocks that Henry Berg, a Hebrew, claims to have bought from the prisoner.

The Poultry Show was continued under favorable circumstances to-day. Pigeons, rabbits and other pet stock were judged, the principal prizes being carried off by local exhibitors.

It is the intention to have a quantity of stone taken to Mayor Tuckett's lot at the corner of King and Bay-streets and have it broken by charity applicants who are well able to work.

The Salvation Army Shelter for Poor Men was formally opened to-night, Ald. McAndrew being in the chair. Those who spoke of the many benefits the unfortunates would receive were Major Howell, Provincial officer; Major Complin, War Cry editor, and Ald. W. G. Reid.

The Useful Fender Again.

Yesterday afternoon at about 2.30 Mr. P. Savage was dodging trolley cars on College-street between Huron and Ross-streets. Carlton and College car No. 270 was going west and it picked him up on the fender. He was not seriously hurt and was able to proceed to his home, 700 Bathurst-street.

ST. BONIFACE MAYORALTY.

A Hot Contest Won by the Opponent of the Schools Settlement—News Notes From the Prairie City.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—St. Boniface town had a hot Mayoralty contest, with the school settlement as the chief issue. The candidates opposed to the proposed settlement, Senator Bernier, won, only by 20 votes.

The election of W. F. McCreary as Mayor of Winnipeg, is to be protested on the ground of lack of qualifications.

The petition to unseat Mr. MacDonnell, Liberal member for Selkirk, is now before the courts. The petition to unseat Mr. Richardson, Liberal member for Lisgar, comes up on Monday.

Hon. Clifford Sifton left to-day via C.P.R. for Ottawa with his family.

NO. 1 WARD CONSERVATIVES

Held a Pleasant Social Gathering in Dingman's Hall Last Night Prominent Speakers Present.

The Conservatives of No. 1 Ward had a social gathering in Dingman's Hall last night. The proceedings took the form of a smoking concert, which was much appreciated. Mr. John Greer presided and several prominent gentlemen made a few remarks. Mr. W. D. McPherson gave an outline of the new organization of the Conservative party. Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., urged all to work together and remarked that the trade question was at present an enormous one. Dr. Ryerson also spoke in an encouraging vein, and Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, who received a very cordial greeting, said that differences of the past should now be forgotten and the party work together again to the one end. He referred also to the trade question, and remarked that Americans were only looking to their own interests, when they advocated reciprocity, and that with them Canada was naught. All of the speakers were enthusiastically received. It was announced that Messrs. Jas. Macleod, M.P., and Macdiarmid, M.P., had been unable to be present owing to their having had to go to New York. Messrs. Marter, M.P., Cockburn and Brock sent letters of regret.

The gentlemen who provided a good musical program, were: Messrs. Charles Hill, A. Hill, Wm. Brown, Turney, Walker, J. P. Humphreys, W. Kelly, J. C. Eckhardt, C. Midland, C. Hollingsworth and Alf. Rubira.

LOYAL ORANGEMEN TALK.

Manitoba School Question Under Discussion.

"SETTLEMENT" CRITICIZED.

Some Objectionable Features in the Plan Are Pointed Out.

The Prairie Province in a More Favorable Position Than is Ontario—Orangemen Are Watching the Pretty Fight Between the Tarte-Laurier Combination and the Hierarchy, and Will Step in if There Are Any Indications of a Surrender to the Church.

The annual banquet of the North-western District Loyal Orange Association was held at the Gladstone House last night. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. J. O. Orr, District Master, who was supported by Hon. N. C. Wallace, M.P., E. F. Clarke, M.P. Ald. R. H. Graham, Dr. Rowe, George McMurrich, Alex. Horwood, W. Riddle, W. D. McPherson, Ald. J. J. Graham, John Laxton, Ed. Hanlan, John J. Thompson, District Secretary, Joseph Brock, W. A. Wilson, A. E. Gault, J. George Verral, John Badgerow, E. Floody, J. H. Hall, T. W. Todd, Frank Lloyd, Samuel Clewley, Major Drillis, Spaniard, Cousins, Arthur Clarke, Joseph Lewis, Ald. Bell, W. Lee, George Brown and others.

The toast of The Queen was loyally received.

A PROSPEROUS INSTITUTION.

N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., in responding to the toast of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of B.N.A., expressed his gratification at the very warm welcome given him. He congratulated the brethren on the rapid growth of the association in the west end of the city, which had recently established itself as a separate jurisdiction for the North-western District necessary. The Grand Lodge was also rapidly growing, and had set an example to the Government of the Dominion by extending its jurisdiction to embrace the Island of Newfoundland. He hoped before many years that the Federal Government would follow in the footsteps of the Orange association by bringing that island within the limits of the Dominion. On such occasion as the annual festivities it was proper to take a review of the past to justify their present and continued existence. The work of the association were chiefly in the assistance of the brethren in time of need; loyalty to the country and the institutions under which they lived, and propagation of the Protestant religion. It had been predicted that in time of trial the association would go to fragments. That time had come within the past two or three years, and the Orangemen showed that the predictions were wrong. The crisis was met and the association came out in active operation, stronger and better than ever before, and by the fidelity to their professions, which the Orangemen had shown, they had justified the existence of their organization. He review the history of the Manitoba school agitation, the trying ordeals to which the leaders and rank and file were subjected in breaking away from their political associations in obedience to the dictates of their consciences.

ONE UP, THE OTHER DOWN.

The political party to which he belonged had endeavored to force Separate schools upon Manitoba, and the Orangemen had refused to endorse it in its action. The result was that the party had gone down before the people, and the strong arm of the Orange Association had not gone down. On the other hand, it stood stronger and higher in the estimation of the people of Canada to-day than ever before. (Applause.) He had been accused by the newspapers of this province as one of the most bloodthirsty bigots Canada had ever seen. He disclaimed any such sanguinary intentions, and those who knew him best would not believe that he would make the charges were dishonest because they knew better. The present Government had made a settlement with the Manitoba Government, which provided that in every section where there were 25 Roman Catholic children a Roman Catholic teacher should be employed, even although there might be thirty Protestant children, and it was evident the intention was that the teacher should teach the children. Messrs. George and Arthur Monteith succeeded in recovering the body. Dr. Young after trying artificial respiration for some time gave it up as hopeless. The deceased was from Port Perry and an employe of Homer & Co. of this place.

THEY HELD OPEN HOUSE.

The Sergeants of the Royal Grenadiers Presented a Good Program.

The sergeants of the Royal Grenadiers held open house in their mess rooms on Queen-street west last night, and those who attended the opening smoker of the season more than filled the big hall. Among those in attendance were Col. Mason and Major Bruce, who evidently agree with Kipling, when he says: "The backbone of the army is the non-commissioned man." Representatives from sister corps were present in abundance, and the Fort was represented by Quarter-Master Sergt. Galloway, Sergt. Instructor Widgery and Col.-Sergt. Campbell. Col.-Sergt. Scully presided.

The musical program was a fine one, and was contributed by G. W. Cluff, R. Rumney, R. W. Palmer, H. A. Lloyd, B. Halloway, Sparks and Jones, Martin and Banks, W. Gaynor and Frank Lewis. James Dempsey proved himself a clever elocutionist, and also in the program were two boxing events, the participants being Messrs. Jones and Cline and Thompson and Scholes, the latter son of the renowned John. The evening's amusement was first-class, and it was early this morning before it was all over.

Sat Down On the Fender.

A lady named Helen O'Brien, who lives at 69 Queen-street east, got confused when crossing Jarvis-street at corner of King-street yesterday, and in trying to steer clear of a wagon she sat down on the fender of Queen-street car No. 336. The mishap occurred at noon, and quite a crowd collected, but the lady was fortunately not injured.

ROSEDALE GUN CLUB.

For some time past a number of gentlemen interested in sport have been contemplating the formation of a gun club in the city, and the result was that at a meeting at the Granite Club a club was formed to be known as the Rosedale Gun Club. There was a large gathering of gentlemen present, all of whom were in sympathy with the movement and took up the scheme with great enthusiasm. The intention is to use the Toronto Athletic grounds at Rosedale, which have been secured for the use of the club. Before the meeting closed the election of officers took place, which resulted as follows: H. M. Pellatt, president; J. B. Miller, treasurer; A. R. Stell, 22 Wellington-street east, secretary. Committee of management, the officers of the club with D. L. VanVlack and D. J. Barclay.

The National Yacht and Skiff Club will hold their second monthly reunion and hop in their club house this evening and look forward to a pleasant time.

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dermen that are to be," also responded to the toast.

AN HONORABLE RECORD.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was replied to by E. F. Clarke, M. P., who, after a service of more than a quarter of a century in the ranks of the Orange Association, appreciated the fact that the record of the association was one that needed no apology and of which they could be proud. As Orangemen they claimed no monopoly of loyalty to the constitution and to the Old Land from which they derived their institutions, of which they were proud. At the same time they declined to allow any particular party or body of men to secure for themselves exclusive rights and privileges which they enjoyed by their fellow-citizens. The Dominion must be built up and consolidated upon the broad foundation of equal rights to all and special privileges to none. The Orange Association from the time that it was first planted upon the soil of British North America had grown and prospered, and wherever its banner had been erected, from the summer Island of Bermuda to the Island of Newfoundland, and throughout the Dominion, the principles of the association had been lived up to by those who are identified with the society. Since Confederation there have been six Premiers, three of whom have been recognized as loyal members of the association.

THEY KNOW A GOOD THING.

The idea of Imperial unity was becoming stronger in the Dominion and the members of the association are Britishers to the core, because they believe that in British connection and distinctive rights they would enjoy the greatest amount of liberty and privileges enjoyed by free subjects under any government. The members of the association had reason to be proud of the success with which they had passed through the severe ordeal of the past two or three years. They had laid down the principle which should and must exist as the basis and foundation of all freedom and liberal rights to all and special privileges to none. The settlement of the Manitoba school question was objectionable in many features, but it must be remembered that it was a compromise, and that their Roman Catholic friends as British subjects had a right to demand those privileges which they believed they had acquired, while those who were of Protestant faith were alive to the importance of preserving perfect equality between all creeds and classes. They should bear in mind that Manitoba had secured by the settlement the privileges of properly qualified teachers for all children of every creed and control of the schools such as we had not in the Province of Ontario at present. In conclusion, he congratulated the many members of the association that had filled the office of Mayor with credit to themselves and honor to the city, and predicted that if either Ald. McMurrich or Mr. W. D. McPherson, both respected members of the association, were elected he would fill the office with similar credit.

The County Lodge was responded to by W. A. McPherson, Ald. Bell, Frank Lloyd and W. Lee. The Western District by Dr. J. O. Orr and Alex Horwood, and The Ladies by John Laxton, completed the toast list.

During the evening songs were sung by Ald. McMurrich, Messrs. Peter Donaldson, W. C. J. M. Sawers being an efficient accompanist.

SINGERLY ENTRIES.

Singerly, Pa., Dec. 17.—First race, ⅝ mile—Markstone 122, My Drill, Spaniard, Cumania 111, Kirkover, Fasset, Princess Alix, Tioga 119.

Second race, ⅝ mile—Happy Bird, Teacaddy 108, Myrtle L., Cassaia, Mystic, Margaret Roth, Uncertain, Recover, Mary Larsen 105.

Third race, ¾ mile—Mr. Waverly 108, Eustre, Republican, Thurless, The Monarch, One Chance, Mafia, Blue Front, Cozette, Geowicka 105.

Fourth race, ⅝ mile—Setauket, Busirus, Tenacious, Fox Glove, Lilliput, Salvor 101.

Fifth race, 4½ furlongs—Columbus Jr., Key West, Tuncred, First Light 132, Gold Fly 129, Minnetonka 127, Trait 124, Rossmar, Jonah White 109.

CARD AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—First race, 9-16 mile—Claude Hill, Tony Mack 100, Miss Star 103, Ben Roy, Aphrodite, Bushwhacker, Little Dick, Berry L., Victor D. 105, Little Ed, Oak Forest 108.

Second race, ⅞ mile—Toswitt, Impress, Allopathy, Horace Leland, Encorla, Virginia 111, Billy Broncho 111, Tiffin, Lumberman, Luerry Bell 114.

Third race, 11-16 mile—Arcadia 100, J. B. Freedman, Minnie S., May Blossom, Emperor, Billet, Cody, Ianthe 114, Luke F., Thorne, Jim Baker 117.

Fourth race, ½ mile—Little Nell, Mother of Pearl, Inko, Sikas, Little Lewis, Rachael, Gopher, Dick Sauer, Minnie F. 107, Smoker, Jack Tusby 110.

Fifth race, ¾ mile—Madeira, Ethelah, Wild Flower 100, Crescent, Fannie D., Windmile, Immilda, Semele 105, Tradesman, Patrolman 108.

NEW ORLEANS PROGRAM.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—First race, ⅝ mile—Isaco 85, Sobriquet, Willie W. 96, Romance 98, Frank Jaubert 102, Bryant, Anna Mayes, Lisetta 105, Dauncies 106, Pellas 107.

Second race, ⅞ mile—Fred Graft, Sugar Cane 97, Juanita, Ethel Farrell, Alone, Princess, Bonnie Double, Dummy, Augustina, Plautita, Redena, Miss Verne, Bressla, Rosy 105, Cavalry, Sharon, Otto R., Sanguine, Gold Top 108.

Third race, 1 mile 20 yards—Judge Steadman, Dorothy 111, Volma, Image, May Ashby 95, Sacobroke, Cotton King, Bazaar 98.

Fourth race, ⅝ mile—Clymena 101, Jack Hayes 100, Cannonade 103, Scrob, Viscount 105, Hill Billy 109.

Fifth race, ⅝ mile—Pisa, Gluck, Gomar, Come Away, Roslyn, Tom Sayer, Princess Rose, Denver, Longbrook 104, Midstar, Darien, Sir Fred 107.

Sixth race, ⅝ mile—Little Bill