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Canadian Credit.

Those who have travelled extensively in the United States and have kept their ears open to hear a good word for their native Canada, report that no matter where they go, if there is a choice between two applicants, one of them being a Canadian, the Canadian as a Canadian is, in nine cases out of ten, given an inceptive advantage, simply because he is a Canadian, and therefore commands respect.

In the St. Louis, New York and other great barley centres, Canadian barley is given a preference over American barley. There is just as good barley grown in the United States as there is grown in Canada, but it does not command the same scope of market as the Canadian article, because it is American.

The reason of this is simply that Canadian barley has held the field for years against all comers, but that day is past; and now it is a race with us leading. If Canadian barley is to maintain the rank it now occupies, the standards of quality must be maintained.

Now comes the point. Farmers are advised to hold back their barley and boom the market. Prices are now low and those who have barley to sell, and who would not sell in the early winter and autumn at a good profit but wanted to get more and didn't get it, can now do just one of two things. They can sell now and stand a direct loss, or they can hold their surplus till next fall and take their chances on a higher market.

First, presuming that they sell now, they have their money and can grow more for next year's market, and use their money in the meantime.

Secondly, presuming they hold till next year. At the time they are prepared to sell, their barley has become last year's crop and in order to bring even what barley is selling for now, it must be mixed with new crop. This is done. The local dealer buys in good faith, believing it to be this year's crop. His Toronto or central agents sell for him. They in turn handle it through an American commission house and in due course the barley makes its way into the hands of some rich American brewer, who straightway turns it into his malting house. Then, and not till then, is it discovered to be old barley, or that it has last year's barley mixed in it. Result, a big law suit and substantial damages. This is primary; next comes disrepute to Canada through Canadian barley being reported as mixed, and finally, a loss of what is now the foremost place in the barley markets of the world.

Farmers, hadn't you better sell now? 'Tis yours to say; not ours. But if you hold your barley back you will do so at your own risk. The danger will be met along the lines we have indicated and will mean loss in the end to you.

Turning Their Attention to Cuba.

According to a reported interview with Mr. Blaine, the coming Secretary of State in Harrison's cabinet is in favor of acquiring Cuba by purchase. Very probably it is true enough that the government that is soon to be at Washington would be willing to acquire Cuba; but it is not at all likely that the Spanish government would be willing to sell. What commercial position Spain still retains in the world the possession of Cuba greatly helps her to keep; and the time is not propitious to the giving up of such position by those who have it. The present trouble in the Samoan islands, also in the East of Africa, is caused mainly by Germany's new-born ambition to figure as a commercial and colonizing power. It can plainly be seen that Italy is moved by a similar ambition; and we hold it rather unlikely that, with this spirit abroad among other European nations, Spain will easily be induced to part with Cuba. It has been pointed out that if a trans-oceanic canal is to be cut through anywhere in Central America the importance of Cuba would be greatly enhanced. And so it certainly would, owing to the nearness of the island and to its commanding position, for purposes both of war and of commerce. But probably the Dons can see all that as well as others can, we should say.

Mr. Blaine has been further credited with the opinion that Canada will drop into the Union by and by of her own accord; though trying to grab at it now would only stir up opposition and cause delay. Thank you for your good opinion; perhaps you have "guessed it the first time," like the pupil whom the Yankee found such an apt one at the guessing school. For our part, we are just as well pleased that in the near future, at all events, your attention is likely to be pretty well taken up with Samos, and Cuba, and Central America. With all these pressing upon you, you will probably be more inclined to let Canada alone. And, by the way, this brings before us something new in the situation, which seems to be decidedly in Canada's favor. This business of Uncle Sam having important foreign affairs to attend to elsewhere, in various quarters, will surely help him towards the policy of letting Canada go her own way, to suit herself. Candidly speaking, this is a new experience for our neighbors, and the results on Canadian and American relations ought to be altogether beneficial. Mr. Blaine does well to hint that the present is a good time to let Canada alone. For, by the time he gets seated in his new office chair, the chances are that present troubles in the South Pacific and Central America, to say nothing of his reported designs on Cuba, will give him all he can do. This is a new consideration to affect the conduct of our neighbors, and it ought to be properly taken into account by ourselves.

Bismarck's Foes at Home.

A recent cable dispatch says that "Bismarck's foes at home are becoming very troublesome to him of late. He is getting old now and his health is failing; and this seems to bring the enemies thicker upon him. Count Von Waldersee, an extreme leader of the Imperial and military party, is by that side looked upon as the coming man. The Emperor, we should say, can scarcely expect to find a Minister more devoted than Bismarck is to taking military and Imperial views of things; and yet there are many indications that the two do not get along well together. It may be suspected that the young Emperor, who is said to be rather opinionative and hot-headed, to say the least, feels restless under the continued supervision over State affairs exercised by his grandfather's adviser or dictator of so many years. He wants, it is said, to be free from the influence of the masterful Chancellor, and is not backward about letting his friends know it, either. The result is that enemies of Bismarck are showing themselves in Berlin more and more openly than they used to; and almost worry the life out of the old man with their annoyances. In the midst of all this, the man who has so long been Germany's real ruler need expect little sympathy from the Liberals. To them he has always been a tyrant, a man of blood and iron; and not much pity will he get from them in his trouble. One question regarding Bismarck may be considered as of present importance. Is Germany to have her next great war with him still in the place next to the Emperor? It would be his own wish, doubtless, to have it so; and we may well believe that France would heartily wish it otherwise. On general principles we should lean to the view that Bismarck himself would be more likely to hurry on another war with France than to delay it. And perhaps this may be one good reason for suspecting that the war cloud of which we have heard so much may burst while most people have settled down into the belief that its bursting has been indefinitely postponed.

THE WORLD OF PLEASURE.

How Toronto People Enjoy Themselves—Forthcoming Events.

"The Bandit King" bears sway at the Toronto Opera House, and is as popular as his royal brother "The Cattle King."

At the Grand, the great Irish comedy "The Fairy's Well" drew, as it deserves, a large and delighted house.

At the Victoria Rink, Huron-street, the grandest fancy dress carnival of the season was held, the elite of the city being present.

The Wagner Lecture at the College of Music.

A large and enthusiastic audience completely filled the College Hall last evening. The lecturer, Mr. A. S. Vogt, the organist of the Jarvis-street Baptist Church, has studied in Leipzig for over two years, where he became imbued with the majesty and grandeur of the immortal works of Richard Wagner. In his lecture he dwelt upon the violent and bitter opposition which Wagner had to silence before he could give the world his magnificent creations. He also showed the peculiarity of Wagner's methods, his wonderful harmonies and his thorough mastery of the grand orchestra, and explained the gradual expansion of his ideas from "Rienzi," written in 1837, to "Lohengrin," composed in 1847, but not produced till 1853 under Liszt's direction at Weimar. The works written during this period are called his "first periods," and the lecturer promised in a short time to give an exposition of the composer's "third period, "in which he would have the assistance of Madame Asher-Lucas and others, while his choir would sing some of the choruses from "Der Meistersinger. Mr. Vogt's lecture was remarkably clear and able. After the lecture the following choice program was rendered, affording the hearers a rich treat. The selections were all culled from Wagner's "first period" with the exception of the Weber aria:

Organ.....Prayer from Rienzi.....
Mr. Vogt.
.....Cavatina from Oberon.....(Weber)
Miss Strauss.
Piano....Spinnerlied (Die Fliegende Hollander)
Mr. Field.
Romanza.....“Star Song”.....Tannhauser
Mr. Schuch.
Organ.....Pilgrim's Chorus...Tannhauser
Mr. Vogt.
Vocal.....“Elizabeth's Prayer”.Tannhauser
Mlle. Strauss.
Piano.....Test March.....Tannhauser
Mr. Field.
Organ.....Vorspiel to Lohengrin.....
Mr. Vogt.

The Lyric Orchestral Society Do Good Work for a Good Cause.

Vincent Wallace's opera, "Maritana," was presented at the Pavilion Music Hall last night by the Lyric Operatic Society, of Toronto. The performance was given in aid of the Home for Incurables. The large audience present helped on a good cause and had the satisfaction at the same time of listening to a performance of merit. The soloists all acquitted themselves with credit. Mrs. Jardine Thompson, (Maritana), won frequent applause and more than one encore. Mr. F. M. Baker, (Don Caesar), Mrs. R. C. Guerin, (Lozarillo), and Mr. Harry Barker (Charles II) also responded to encores. Mr. Harold Parr, who took the part of Don Jose, did so with much dignity and courtly grace. His fine baritone was shown in several of his solos to good advantage.

At the end of the second act Mr. Jas. Beaty, Q.C., Hon.-President of the Society, came before the curtain and said he was pleased to see so many people out to aid a good cause and encourage the society. He was exceedingly proud of the performance of the ladies and gentlemen and while giving them credit also bestowed high praise on Madame Stuttaford, the director.

The costuming was very handsome and appropriate. Special scenery for the occasion was furnished by Mr. Sheppard of the Grand Opera House.

Notes.

Madame Albani is engaging Mons. Boucher as solo-violinist for her concert on Monday evening pays a compliment to Canadian musicians which cannot fail to be appreciated.

The Conservatory of Music "Quarterly" concert will begin at 7.30 sharp, next Saturday evening, at the Horticultural Pavilion. Doors open at 7. The program will be exceptionally fine, and a speech will be made by the president, Hon. G. W. Allan.

The sale of seats for the Albani concert at the Pavilion opened yesterday morning at Messrs. A. & S. Nordheimers' music store. The sale was very large, and from present appearances there will be fully as large an audience as at the former one. The program is not only an entire change but a very strong one.

The concert of the East Presbyterian choir in the hall of their new church in Oak-street was a decided success. Mrs. Bradley, Messrs. Dimmock, Blight, Hurdle, and J. P. Stoddart sang. Miss Jennie Houston gave readings and Signor Napolitano selections on the violin. The choir of the church rendered glees and anthems. Mrs. H. M. Blight and Mrs. W. A. Lovatt were the accompanists.

The Melnotte Dramatic Club held a successful "At Home" in Victoria Hall, Tuesday night. Dancing was kept up till the small hours. The club will give as their next performance "A Rough Diamond" and "Dora."

AMONG THE SOCIETIES.

Mr. Alfred Borroughs gave one of his popular concerts in Shaftesbury Hall last night.

I.O.L., No. 137, held a meeting last evening in Victoria Hall. Several propositions were received. Bro. Byers presided.

Scarlet Chapter Lodge held a meeting last night in Victoria Hall. Four members were raised to the scarlet. Ald. J. McMillan presided.

Canadian Council, No. 612, Royal Arcanum, held a meeting last night in Shaftesbury Hall. Three initiations were made and three propositions received.

Independent Order of Good Templars held their annual concert last night in Temperance Hall. A choice program was given. Bro. J. L. Robertson, C.T. was in the chair.

L. O. L. No. 404 had their monthly spread last evening in Victoria Hall. Two initiations were made and several propositions were received. Bro. A. Curran, W.M., presided.

Batoche Lodge, No. 32, Order of Chosen Friends, held a meeting last night in Temperance Hall. Chief Councillor Coulson presided. There was one initiation made and three propositions received.

C.O.O.F., Queen Victoria Lodge, Ingersoll, held their regular meeting on the 12th inst., when much important business was transacted, which was followed by the initiation of Messrs. Jas. Henderson and Alex. Fotheringham.

Metropolitan Order of Oddfellows Lodge 6534 met last night in Shaftesbury Hall. Two propositions were received. Bro. Chisholm occupied the chair and Bro. McMaster acted as vice-chairman. Bro. Quinn gave an interesting lecture on "Degrees."

Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Toronto City, No. 109, held their semi-monthly meeting last evening in Victoria Hall. Several initiations were made and several propositions received. Dr. Frolland presided. A visit was made by D.D.H.C. Ranger Bro. Kidney.

St. Andrew's Society met at the Queen's Hotel last night. These were elected members: George Boys, jr., Mervyn Mackenzie, William Campbell, John Drynan, J. A. Donaldson, H. M. Cleland, John McGregor and David Creighton. President D. R. Wilkie was in the chair. The business was of a formal character.

Torbay, No. 361, L. O. L., held their first annual ball in Victoria Hall last evening. Among the guests were J. L. Hughes, Past Master; Ald. Bell, County Master; F. Somers; J. Ardah, P.M. of D.L.; J. Nicholson, W.M. of S.L.; J. Cuthberson, P.M. of S.L.; Adamson, Dubois, Aronsburg, Merfeyhey, Capt. F.F. Manley and Mayor Clarke. About two hundred members were present. The hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion. An Italian string band supplied the music.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Thomas Henry White, about 24 years of age, plumber, was found dead in his bedroom Tuesday morning. The gas was found turned on and death resulted from suffocation.

"Ultram ontanism and the Jesuits" is advertised as the title of a lecture by Rev. John Burton, B.D., in the Northern Congregational Church.

A Young Women's Association has been formed of those attending Toronto University for religious fellowship. They meet in one of the rooms of the College Y.M.C.A. building. These are the officers: President, Miss E. M. Curzon; Vice-President, Miss L. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Miss J. M. Rose; Treasurer, Miss J. H. Robson.

The treasurer of the Relief Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions in aid of the funds of the society: "Anonymous," $1; "A. M.," $1; "T. W.," $5; "A Friend," $3.

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GALT WINS THE TANKARD.

THE VISITORS DEFEAT THE GRANITES BY 20 SHOTS IN THE FINAL.

O'Leary's Stable at Leslieville—Trotting at Ottawa—Betting on the English Spring Handicaps—American Jockey Club Stakes—Baseball Gossip.

If the thoroughbreds in charge of the veteran trainer Richard O'Leary at his road house at Leslieville do not figure prominently on the turf next season, then present indications count for nothing. His stable at present consists of but three, but before the season opens he will no doubt have several more added to his string. The World was offered an inspection of the horses yesterday, which are as follows:

Borderer, ch g, 5, by Bend Or—Arondale.
Waterford, b g, 3, by Stratford—Water Lily.
Colonist, br g, 3, by Caligula—Vanquish.

Neither one of the three has ever faced the starter. Borderer, who was bred by Mr. A. J. Cassatt, was a very promising colt, but owing to that gentleman having several other good ones of the same age Borderer was never given a fair chance. He was purchased by Charlie Boyle as a 3-year-old, but went amiss in his fore legs. He has changed hands several times since, but is now owned by Mr. J. D. Matheson, who bought him last summer. Since then he has been in O'Leary's care and it is needless to say shows great improvement. His legs look remarkably well and altogether he reflects great credit on his trainer. If "Dick" gets him to a race, as the chances are he will, Borderer will be a hard horse to beat next May, as he has plenty of speed, and in such hands should do well.

Waterford is another of Mr. Cassatt's breeding. He was purchased from the Philadelphia turfman by Mr. Joseph Duggan a few weeks ago, and arrived in Toronto from Mr. Cassatt's farm, near Philadelphia, last week. He is what one would call "a good looker," and one of the speedy kind. He is said to be very fast, and judging from his appearance he should prove a useful horse this coming season.

Colonist is a province bred, and a good looking one at that, standing on a clean set of pins with nice middle piece and short hock, and if he steers clear of accidents will certainly give a good account of himself.

The trio are ridden out every day by the trainer's son, Charlie, and doing good useful work. They look the picture of health, and if not successful at Woodbine Park next May, under the supervision of the father and son, then there is nothing in training.

MYSTERY ABOUT GALORE.

Strange Treatment of a Colt for Which $10,000 was Paid.

The four-year-old English-bred colt Galore, which arrived in New York on the Egypt last week has not met with a very good reception. The colt was consigned to Mr. A. P. Morwood, of Hempstead, L. I., who represents the Mr. Maxwell named as the purchaser at the time of the sale. Mr. Maxwell is said to be an Englishman resident in Virginia, who met Mr. Theobald on the steamer going over to England. He was in the mood to buy a horse to race if a favorable opportunity offered, with the ultimate idea of breeding. As the sale Galore was selected and bought for 2000 guineas. In due time he was shipped on the Egypt in charge of a Mr. Pierson, who for years had been in the employ of Matthew Dawson at Newmarket. They had a good trip, and, to Mr. Pierson's credit, those who saw the colt on his arrival said he was in grand condition. Both however, had a poor reception. Although the Egypt arrived on Tuesday of last week Galore was not landed until late Wednesday afternoon. He was taken to the American Horse Exchange, and on Thursday was sent over to Long Island City to be shipped by rail to Hempstead. It was found impossible to get the colt into the car, so imperfect were the arrangements, coupled with Galore's refusal to walk up the inclined staging. He was then taken back to the Horse Exchange, and on Friday Mr. Pierson rode Galore to Hempstead, with a man leading that knew the way. The roads were certainly in no condition for a horse to walk that had cost $10,000. On his arrival at Hempstead Mr. Pierson found the stable arrangements to be of the crudest kind, scarcely fit, in his opinion, for any kind of a horse, let alone a colt of Galore's breeding.

As to the future, Mr. Maxwell will have to act soon, for it was Mr. Easton who entered Galore in the Suburban Handicap and who will declare him out on the 20th unless relieved of the responsibility, which will be a great pity, as several who saw Galore before he was sent to Hempstead declared that in the hands of a good trainer he had a chance to win the Suburban even at 115 lb.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

Betting on the Spring Handicaps—Other Turf Gossip.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—By far the most important occurrence in the racing world last week was the publication of the acceptances for the chief Spring Handicaps. As yet not much business on the Lincolnshire Handicap and Grand National Steeplechase has been recorded, but signs are not wanting that speculation on each stake will presently become briak, tips for the first great flat race of the season being unusually plentiful. A matter worthy of note is the arrival at Newmarket of Et Cætera, at present favorite for the great steeplechase at Liverpool, and Help, recently backed for the Derby, besides being one of the three-year-olds left in the City and Suburban Handicap. The progress of each will be watched with interest, as both the flat racer and the jumper possess fair reputations. Following are the latest quotations about the Lincolnshire and Grand National:

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

100 to 7 against Kenilworth, taken and offered.
100 to 6 against Wise Man, taken and offered.
20 to 1 against Gallinule, taken and offered.
20 to 1 against Veracity, taken and offered.
500 to 20 against Quartus, taken and offered.
25 to 1 against Johnny Morgan, taken and offered.
25 to 1 against Acme, taken and offered.
25 to 1 against Warlock, taken and offered.
40 to 1 against True Blue II., taken and offered.

GRAND NATIONAL.

100 to 7 against Et Cætera, taken and offered.
100 to 7 against Come Away, taken and offered.
100 to 6 against Glenthorpe, taken and offered.
120 to 1 against Hettie, taken and offered.

A once well-known owner of horses has been taken away—Mr. E. Brayley—who for a time enjoyed an ample share of fortune's favors, but afterwards experienced great reverses. His biggest hit was made with the mean looking Cassé Tete, winner of the Liverpool Grand National in 1872, and he owned smart flat racers, too, in Mornington, Redmire, Soucar, Endsleigh and Mariner.

Another death recorded during the last few days is that of Mr. Henry Smith, whose winter speculations on the Derby were generally heavy.

James Snowden, the jockey, who has been suffering from severe illness, is now stated to be improving in health. Judges of race-riding have invariably assigned him high rank in the business he follows, and last year he rode some capital finishes.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—The winter meeting was continued here to-day. The track was heavy. Results:

First race—Selling allowances; ½ mile. Lord Grosvenor won by two lengths, Breakdown second and Dan Meeks third. Time, 53. Betting—Maid of Orleans, 3 to 5; Lord Grosvenor, even money; Dan Meeks, 7 to 1; Gabe C and Breakdown, 12 to 1 each; Playful, 25 to 1.

Second race—Selling allowances; 4½ furlongs. Top o' the Morning won by six lengths, with Florine second and Stuart third. Time, 1.05½. Betting—Stuart, 3 to 5; Florine, 4 to 1, Eternity, 5 to 1; Top o' the Morning, 10 to 1; Comet, 50 to 1.

Third race—Selling allowances; ¾ mile. Electricity won by two lengths, Jim D second and Lord Grosvenor third. Time, 1.15½. Betting—St. Albans, 6 to 5; Electricity and Lord Grosvenor each, 2 to 1; Jim D, 8 to 1.

Fourth race—Handicap; 6 furlongs. Red Leaf won by a head from McMurtry second and Castilian third. Time, 1.27. Betting—McMurtry, 6 to 5; Castilian, 7 to 5; Red Leaf, 2 to 1; Hollywood, 7 to 1.

The Monmouth Park Association Does Not Yet Own the Castler Farms.

LONG BRANCH, Feb. 14.—The report of the purchase of the two Castler farms, near Long Branch, by the Monmouth Park Association, for the proposed new racing tracks, was premature. The owners of the two farms have agreed to sell their 450 acres, but the Monmouth Park Association does not want them, and will not consummate the bargain unless a certain public road is vacated. This road is about a mile long and runs through both farms, crossing the sites of the proposed race tracks and the grand stand. The only way to have the road vacated is through proceedings in the Monmouth County Court. The Monmouth Park Assocation has applied for a hearing on a petition asking the court to vacate the road. The road was dedicated to the public by the Castler brothers about twenty years ago. It is rumored that a number of persons who have always been opposed to the Monmouth Park race track, and have tried several times to secure its indictment because its officers allowed betting on the grounds, have employed lawyers to oppose the application.

American Jockey Club Stakes.

The stakes for the spring meeting of the American Jockey Club, which closed Feb. 1, received the following number of entries:

The City Handicap, mile and a furlong, has forty-nine, including: Firenzi, Aurelia, Yum-Yum, Fitz James, Geronimo, Prose, Hanover, Bella B., Bessie June, Inspector B., Oregon, Fordham, Taragon, Eurus, Marauder, Eolo, Now or Never, Prince Royal, Raceland, George Oyster, Lady Primrose, Darlington, Charles Dreux, Eolian, Falcon, Belvidere, Larchmont, Insolence, Clay Stockton, Bohemian, Saxony, Richmond, Bendigo, Ordway, Tea Tray, Ballston, Drumstick, Catspaw, Servia, Chickahominy, Bill Barnes, Bob Furey, Niagara, Oriflamme, Defaulter, The Don, Torchlight, Volunteer, Ben Harrison.

The other stakes filled as follows: Fordham Handicap, 29; Croton Handicap, 58; Westchester Handicap, 27; Riverdale Handicap, 43; Spuyten Duyvil Stakes, 54; Decoration Stakes, 24; Van Cortlandt Stakes, 22; Arrow Stakes, 47; Harlem Stakes, 57; Bronx Stakes, 51; Minimum Stakes, 72; Yonkers Stakes, 68; Sequence Stakes, 65; Encore Stakes, 58; Maximum Stakes, 51. The Titan Stakes for the fall meeting filled with 157 nominations.

The Second Day at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—This was the second day of the winter meeting. The ice was in good condition, but the sport a failure. There were only four starters in the Free for All, which was not finished owing to darkness, while for the pacing race Sorrel George was the only contestant and had a walk over. The summary:

Free for all—Purse $235, divided.
L Pigeon's (Lachine) b g W Van..... 1 1 2
R Stewart's (Aylmer) br h Ansonia..... 2 2 1
A Hunter's (Carleton Place) b m Little Vic..... 3 3 3
W B Wright's (Lachine) b g Edgewood... 4 4 4
Time—2.38, 2.36, 2.37½.

Racing Stakes of $30 each, with $150 added.
R Shirley's (Ottawa) ch g Sorrel George w.o

Letritia to Be Used as a Brood Mare.

MONMOUTH PARK, N. J., Feb. 14.—Charlie Boyle, the Canadian trainer, says he will probably start in at Brooklyn, but nevertheless he is going to commence on his lot in a couple of weeks. So far he has been paying more attention to the 2-year-olds than any others, and he has them looking very nicely. The bay filly Christine is just coming around again, and it is only lately that she has been taking regular exercise. She is rather small, having been under the weather pretty much all winter, but in the fall she showed a good deal of speed and used to fairly run away from all the rest of her companions. It is very likely that Letritia will not face the starter again, as her leg does not seem to improve. She will most probably be used as a brood mare.

GALT WINS THE TANKARD.

The Granites Beaten in the Final Draw by 20 Shots.

The third and final draws in the Ontario Tankard competition were played yesterday on the Granite rink and resulted in Galt carrying off the prize. It was a hard blow to the Granites, who were looked upon as sure winners. Since the opening of the season they have not met with a single defeat, and then to be laid low by the Caltonians at this point was certainly to be regretted. The visitors, however, made a gallant struggle for the prize, and no one begrudges them their well-earned victory.

The third draw commenced yesterday morning when the Granites and Galts were opposed against Bright and the Hamilton Thistles respectively, the latter two clubs falling by the wayside.

The final then rested between the Granites and Galt, who battled for the honors in the afternoon. It was certainly the most enthusiastic match that has taken place in Toronto for many a day. The rink was crowded with the knights of the stanes and besoms. Every local curler to a man was present and the excitement was intense. The local club's fate, however was sealed and notwithstanding their brilliant play they were compelled to succumb to the visitors. After the match the visitors were dined by the Granites in the club house, where the tankard was presented to Galt by the President of the Ontario Branch, Robert Ferguson, M.P.P. The score:

Third Draw.

Granites.		RINK NO. 1.		Bright.
W Merritt,			G Evans,	
R Jeffery,			E J Bristow,	
J H Foster,			W Riesberry,	
W Badenach, skip..	32		M Stewart, skip.....	13
		RINK NO. 2.		
Dr Carlyle,			T Riesberry,	
Dr Wright,			G Buchan,	
W Dick,			J Cowan,	
C C Dalton, skip....	22		J McKie, skip.....	18
Total.....	54		Total.....	31

Majority for Granites 24 shots.

Galt.			Hamilton Thistles.	
		RINK NO. 1.		
A Gourlay,			A Gillespie,	
T Bryan,			W Vallance,	
J McTague,			G H Gillespie,	
R Webster, skip....	25		J Kerner, skip.....	17
		RINK NO. 2.		
A McAuslan,			H Fairgrieve,	
R Minto,			W Southam,	
R Veitch,			J Milne,	
J McAuslan, skip..	17		J Harvey, skip.....	22
Total.....	42		Total.....	39

Majority for Galt 3 shots.

First Draw.

Granites.		RINK NO. 1.		Galt.
W Merritt,			A Gourlay,	
R Jaffray,			T Bryan,	
J H Foster,			T McTague,	
W Badenach, skip..	20		R Webster, skip.....	25
		RINK NO. 2.		
Dr Carlyle,			A McAuslan,	
Dr. Wright,			R Minto,	
W Dick,			R Veitch,	
C C Dalton, skip	8		J McAuslan, skip...	23
Total	28		Total.....	48

Majority for Galt 20 shots.

Toronto Beaten in a Friendly Match.

A friendly match was played at the Victoria rink yesterday afternoon between the Torontos and Orillia, which resulted in favor of the visitors by 10 shots. The score:

Toronto.		RINK NO. 1.		Orillia.
J D Henderson,			J W Slavin,	
W W Belding,			Geo Thomson,	
T McGaw,			A B Perry,	
J Wright, skip.....	6		T A Main, skip....	7
		RINK NO. 2.		
W B Smith,			A R Kittermaster,	
D Williams,			J Wynne,	
J McCraken,			J Wilson,	
J Bain, skip.....	5		A H Beaton, skip ..	14
Total.....	11		Total.....	21

Across the Boards.

The final competition in the Toronto Checker Club tournament was played last night at the Temperance Hall and resulted as follows:

First class:

				Dr
R Dissette.....	1	J Godwin	1	0
Second class:				
A Asher.....	2	R Walker.....	2	4
Third class:				
Adams	4	Milloy.....	2	0
Club match:				
T Johnson.....	3	Bailey.....	0	2
Frazier	4	Murray	2	0
A Hood	6	Finnegan	0	0
J Phipps	5	Phenix	1	0
W N Johnston.....	3	D McLain.....	3	0
J F Craig.....	0	Stewart	5	1
J W Coots.....	0	R White	4	2
Kirkpatrick.....	5	T Walker.....	1	0
Baldwin.....	1	Hoskins	3	2
P Coots.....	3	W Graham	2	1
Total	32	Total.....	23	11

Richmond Won't Have 'Em.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 14.—The inevitable race question has extended its ramifications into the noble game of baseball. The dusky Cuban Giants of Trenton will not play the Detroits in the practice games here between March 28 and April 10 next.

Manager Leadley, of the Detroits, has been in correspondence with parties here who are authorities on race questions as well as baseball, and he was advised to declare the games with the Cuban Giants off.

The Detroits will play the Giants somewhere north. They have arranged to play Boschen's reorganised home club, "The Richmonds," and other teams of the League and American Association in the practice games here.

Dust From the Diamond.

Toronto's latest addition, McGuire, will catch Atkinson and Vickery next season.

Mack has joined Whitney in refusing to sign with Washington at the classification figure.

Pitcher Hart, who was purchased by Buffalo from Cincinnati last season, has signed with Des Moines.

The return from the field to the baseman—invariably on the full—was another fine point in the game.—Melbourne Argus.

Syracuse has signed Denny Connors to take Marr's place in right field. Wright, Murphy and Bishop are holding out for more money.

It is said that the League has decided that Ward must either go to Washington or stay in New York, and that under no circumstance will he be allowed to go to Boston.

Manager Cushman thinks that Toronto will have the strongest hitting team in the Association next season, and that McLaughlin will be the weakest batter outside of the pitchers.

Manager Cushman is not saying much about his team this year, but thinks a great deal. If the Torontos don't win the prize next season, the popular manager will be a very disappointed man.

The Olympic Baseball Club re-organized on Wednesday, when the following officers were elected: D. Haines, President; A. McCurdy, Manager; A. Hogan, Captain; S. McHenry, Secretary. Address 60 Grange-avenue.

Manager Cushman writes The World as follows: I must thank President McConnell and Director McPherson for the manner in which they helped me this winter towards securing a good team, and I will do my best next season to win the pennant for Toronto.

A meeting was held at Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday for the purpose of organizing a baseball club to enter the new Atlantic League. The meeting was a grand success, and it is now sure that that city will be in the new League. The capital stock of the new club is $6000.

ONTARIO'S HEALTH.

In Many Districts Most Unsatisfactory—Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever Prevalent.

A special meeting of the Provincial Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon at the board rooms, Dr. Rae, Oshawa, in the chair. There were present Drs. Cassidy and Covernton, Toronto; Youmans, Mount Forest; Macdonald, Hamilton, and McKay of Woodstock.

Dr. Cassidy read a voluminous report upon the various epidemics now raging in the Nipissing, North Bay, Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. The report concluded by requesting that health officers should be sent to the affected points. It seems that diphtheria and scarlet fever are spreading to an astounding degree, and have already gained strong footholds in Parry Sound, Nipissing, Chapleau and Kennaway, a village about 30 miles from Haliburton, where the schools have been closed in consequence. Energetic efforts are to be put forth in order to check contagion. The local boards have power to quarantine infected houses, and they are strongly advised to immediately exercise their prerogative.

A telegram was read from Hon. A. M. Ross re diphtheria at Chapleau, advising the appointment of health officers in unorganized districts.

Attorney-General Mowat suggests that the board make a regulation to the effect that medical health officers be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor for the purpose of carrying into operation the Public Health Act and its several provisions. The Provincial Secretary has appointed Drs. C. A. Hodgetts, L.R.C.P., and Wade as health inspectors in the Parry Sound district, with instructions to leave to-day for the infected communities. Shantz has been appointed to the same and nourisher of contagious diseases.

Dr. Cassidy read the report of the committee on epidemics. After a long discussion the following was carried:

That the Public Health Act be amended empowering the Provincial Board of Health to appoint for unorganized districts medical health officers and sanitary inspectors, who shall have power to superintend and execute all regulations issued by the said Board of Health under clause 14, such appointments to be made subject to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

The board meets again this morning.

TRINITY'S COSTUME CONCERT.

A Pleasing Affair Held Last Night at the Schoolhouse.

There was a grand costume concert held last night in the schoolhouse of the Church of the Holy Trinity by the choir under the direction of Mr. A. K. Blackburn. The Stage Committee was composed of F. A. Wilson, J. C. Trotter and A. Blackburn, and its efforts proved most successful. The large schoolroom was crowded to the doors by a good-humored audience, whose good humor was doubly increased by the many amusing scenes presented for their delectation. The performance, which reflected great credit on all concerned, was opened with the National Anthem by the two Messrs. Sleet, Thornhill and Davies. This was followed by a song by A. Blackburn, "The Two Grenadiers." The anvil chorus by Messrs. J. Long, W. Pierce, H. Emery, W. Henry, A. Krieger, Randall, Small, Trotter, James, Lumb, Horford and Browning, was one of the features of the program. C. A. Rudge and R. Thornhill distinguished themselves in "Two Blind Beggars," an amusing little farce which brought down the house. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one.

The Morality Department.

The section of the Police Department which is controlled by Staff Inspector Archabold is credited in the report of the Chief of Police with having secured a revenue in fines of $5000 for the city. This looks well on its face, but it must be recollected that this sum includes all the convictions made by the police of outside divisions when raiding houses of ill-fame or unlicensed whisky dives. The $5000 item is interesting, but it would be still more interesting if the public were informed how much this section cost the department, including not only salaries, but the contingent fund.

How Daignault Erred.

LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 14.—Jeremie Daignault, a French-Canadian and an expert business man, was arrested in Pawtucketville last night for embezzling $4000 from Naphtali Parent of Dahville, Que. The accused was agent for Parent in the sale of bark. He carried on his operations under the impression that he could not be prosecuted.

Order of Chosen Friends.

The second annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends was held in the City of Hamilton on Tuesday. A large number of representatives were present from all parts of Ontario. The following Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year: James Symmers, Hamilton, Past Grand Councillor; James Dixon, Hamilton, Grand Councillor; W. W. Lumsden, Dundas, Grand Vice-Councillor; Wm. F. Montague, Dunnville, Grand Recorder; W. F. Campbell, jr., Dundas, Grand Treasurer; Dr. Alex. Robinson, Unionville, Grand Medical Examiner; Wm. Clouston, Galt, Grand Prelate; Charles Kister, Chippewa, Grand Marshal; J. G. Cumming, St. Catharines, Grand Warden; Walter Allan, Aylmer, Grand Guard; R. W. Milward, Dundas, Grand Secretary, Jno. Rodgers and Jas. Wilson, Hamilton; Thos. W. Cannom, London, Grand Trustees. The following committees were appointed: Laws and Supervision—Messrs. Kister, Park and Campbell; Grievances and Appeals—Cummings, Barker and Campbell; State of the Order and Secret Work—Messrs. Lumsden, Hill and Cannom; Credentials—Messrs. Montague, Barker and Armstrong; Mileage and Per Diem—Messrs. Montague, Cumming and Armstrong; Miscellaneous Business—Messrs. Symmers, Clouston and Allan, Auditing and Journal—Messrs. Barker, Herbold and Milward; Grand Organizer for East Ontario—S. F. Hill, Bowmanville; Grand Organizer for West Ontario—G. W. Thompson, London. A full report was given by the officers showing a large increase in councils and membership during the year. The finances of the Order were shown to be in a good condition.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW.

THE BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED YESTERDAY.

Ontario's Finances in a Satisfactory Condition—An ex-Official Censured and the Dominion Government Taken to Task—The First Night Session.

The Budget speech was delivered yesterday and the galleries of the House were well filled to hear it. Treasurer Ross fails to make figures speak eloquently, but those he produced