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UNCLE SAM'S CURLING RAID.

Great Preparations Being Made by Brithers From Across the Line for the Match Here Next Month.

Uncle Sam's curlers are making great preparations for their raid on Canada next month. The Grand National Curling Club have sent out a circular to all their brithers, which says, among other things:

"It is expected that at least 40 rinks from the United States will join in this raid across the border; the more going, the more will be made welcome by the warm-hearted Canadian curlers. There are eight curling clubs in Toronto and suburbs, all ready to play club matches with their visitors; three in Hamilton, where, if any of the raiders stop over in the 'bygaun,' curling matches, a warm welcome, and hot mutton pies can be had to their heart's content. All curlers from this side the line are invited by the National Club officers to join in this foray, irrespective of whatever club or association they are affiliated with; and any further information will be readily furnished by the general secretary in New York, to whom each club is requested to report, before Jan. 1, 1897, the number of rinks going from that club, so that the Canadians will know about how many will take part in the big match."

The chief officers of the Ontario Association's sister organization across the line are: John McCulloch, St. Paul, president; Alexander Thompson, Pittston, first vice-president; George Rain, New York, second vice-president; James F. Conley, New York, treasurer; David Foulis, New York, secretary, 260 West One Hundred and Fifteenth-street, New York.

THE CALEDONIAN SKIPS.

A general meeting of the Caledonian Curling Club was held last night, President William Ross in the chair. Club skips were elected as follows:

William Ross, R Rennie, W D McIntosh, D Prentice, D S Keith, John Carruthers. It was decided to take in the Lindsay bonspiel, and the secretary will send the entries by Jan. 15. The bonspiel begins Jan. 18.

The club decided to enter six rinks for the single rink trophy, if the skips desired. The meeting adjourned until Saturday next, when the tankard skips will be selected and also arrangements made for the Buffalo and Hamilton matches.

ICE CHIPS.

Mr. D. Carlyle, the popular president of the Prospects, is out for the people's suffrages in No. 2 Ward.

In case the mild weather continues, the visit of the St. Nicholas hockey team of New York will be postponed for a week.

The Victoria Hockey Club will send their intermediate team to play a practice game in Whitby on Friday afternoon next—New Year's Day.

The Victoria Hockey Club want to arrange exhibition matches outside of the city for both their intermediate and junior teams, to be played within the next two or three weeks. All communications should be addressed to the secretary, H. G. Wills, Victoria Club, Toronto.

The committee that will conduct the single-rink trophy contest this year will be very stringent in the matter of the payment of the rink fee for entrance. There were a couple of delinquents last winter and their club must see the amount paid before an entry will be accepted this season.

Another addition to the curling strength of the city is the Old Orchard club. A new building has been erected at Harrison-street and Dovercourt-road, capable of accommodating two rinks. Several old curlers have joined and a formidable four-rink team can be put on the ice. Mr. George Mackenzie is the secretary.

TRAP SHOOTING AT BRAMPTON.

Reardon of Hamilton Wins First Place and Only Missed One Bird.

Brampton, Dec. 29.—The first day's shooting in the first tournament held in this town was a success. The light was good and all the participants agree that the birds were lively. The principal event for $70, divided into seven prizes, was competed for by 23 men in three squads. The first two squads finished, with the result below. The shooting was at 15 live birds, Hamilton rules, and it is not likely that the result will be affected by what is done to-morrow. Mr. Reardon of Hamilton, the winner of first place, missed shooting his string out on an easy bird. Score:

J Reardon—1221111111210112—14.
Dan Blea—1121120121101112—13.
F Wakefield—0121121202212221—13.
John Stroud—1212021212222002—12.
G Gooch—1220211011201111—12.
A Dixon—1010121111202221—12.
J N Lewis—1211020212101011—11.
R Backus—1111211001202021—11.
James Dick—1101101001211121—11.
Dr Wilson—2020211110212100—10.
J Bell—1212001021012200—9.
J Dent—1011112010000101—9.
D C Smith—0110110010201210—9.
John Moore—1021001010010120—8.
Two other shooters did not finish.

The second event was a sweepstake at 12 blue rocks, with this score:

J N Lewis—1111011110101—9.
James Dick—1101101001111—8.
J C Bell—1011111100010—8.
W J Campbell—1100001111111—8.
F Wakefield—1101000101111—7.

In this event Lewis takes first money, the next three divide second and the last man takes the third. To-morrow the shoot begins at 12 a.m. There are one live-bird event, the finish of the first event and three sweeps at blue rocks. The tournament is given by Mr. Thomas Beamish of the Graham House and shooters are entered from every section of the Province.

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The junior basket ball team of the West End Y.M.C.A. will line up as follows against the Hamilton Y.M.C.A. juniors on New Year's Day at Hamilton: K Driner, forward; P Holden, left; A Bond, right; E McCurdy, centre; P Galbraith, left defence; C Driner, right defence; J Kessacks, defence.

Mr. Arthur H. Campbell, the ex-Varsity baseball captain, now of Ottawa, who is spending the holidays here, will return to Ottawa next Sunday. Arthur has a position in the W. C. Edwards Lumber Company at Ottawa. His many Toronto friends will be at the C.P.R. next Sunday evening to see him off. Mr. Campbell left for Bronte and Hamilton last night, where he will visit friends, including Deacon White, at the latter place.

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Officials Have Decided to Race in Order to Resist All Further Encroachments—Financial Success is Not Expected for the Undertaking From the Outset—Liberal Stakes Will Be Given.

New York, Dec. 29.—The supplementary dates for the season of 1897, completing the full local circuit, were announced by the Jockey Club yesterday. The remaining dates, after the Coney Island and Brooklyn Jockey Clubs and Westchester Racing Association have received their shares, are awarded as follows:

Brighton Beach Association, first meeting—July 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Second meeting—August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23.

Saratoga Association—July 28, 29, 30, 31, Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

Queen's County Jockey Club, spring meeting—April 28, 29, 30, May 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Summer meeting—July 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

Fall meeting—Oct. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13.

From this it will be seen that the Saratoga Racing Association has not got what its executive wanted, unopposed dates, as, indeed, it was scarcely to be expected it would. Of the 22 consecutive days allotted to Saratoga, from July 28 to Aug. 21, four days in July clash with Aqueduct and 12 days in August with Brighton Beach, leaving only six unopposed days. The officials of the Saratoga Racing Association have, however, determined to bow to the inevitable, although whether they will be able under the circumstances to make their meeting pay its own way is more than doubtful. They are making arrangements with the view to inducing owners to give liberal entries.

The program, as arranged up to the present, includes 20 stakes, of which not less than 12 will be guaranteed to be worth $2000. An innovation has been made in the introduction of a maiden 2-year-old filly stake, to be worth $4000; the entrance fee to be only $10. This stake will be divided into four events, each to be worth $1000, of which $750 to the first, $150 to the second and $100 to the third, the starting fee to be $15 for maidens on the date advertised. The distances and weights will be as follows:

Half a mile, 110 pounds.
Five furlongs, 115 pounds.
Five and one-half furlongs, 112 pounds.
Six furlongs, 110 pounds.

LOGAN AND JAUBERT ALSO RAN.

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—The attendance was large and the betting heavy, while, as favorites won most of the events, the public beat the books at to-day's races. Summaries:

First race, 7 furlongs—Mollie B., 86, (Turner) even, 1; Lillian Billy, 88 (Combs), 6 to 1, 2; Will, 91 (Wilhite), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.28¾. F.M.B., Raomana, Logan, Bell of Fordham, Theodore H. also ran.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Sugar Cane, 103 (Reiff), 12 to 1, 1; Little Buck, 103 (Caywood), 5 to 1, 2; Elkin, 103 (Everett), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.15¾. Fred Graft, Pomery Sec, Lott, Judge Bryant, Miriam, Pop Dixon, Squire, D.L., Old Ham, Jasper, Gloja, The Parrot also ran.

Third race, 1 mile 20 yards—Tribby, 121 (Morse), 15 to 5, 1; Marquise, 103 (Reiff), 4 to 1, 2; Sobriquet, 91 (Dorsey, 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.44¾. Frank Jaubert, Booze, Proverb, Jim Maddox, Little Tom, May Ashby, Emma T. also ran.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs—Hill Billy, 92 (Dorsey), 20 to 1, 1; Viscount, 87 (Burns), 6 to 1, 2; Pelleas, 106 (Walker), 2 to 1, 3. Time 1.28½. Ray H., Renaud, Chapple, Mamie Allen also ran.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Halloween, 104 (Sherer), 8 to 5, 1; Laurel Davis, 99 (Wilhite), 10 to 1, 2; Ida Wagner, 99 (Webber), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.15½. Twelve Fifty, Little Frank, M. Dayton, Peanuts, J. B. Ewing, Baal Gad also ran.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Tenochtitlan, 104 (Wilhite), even, 1; Emma Lee, 99 (Hirsch), 6 to 1, 2; Judge Bullock, 102 (Caywood), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.15½. Panini, Nellie Osborne, Royal Prince, Harmony, Lay On, Atalanta, Cumberland also ran.

BIGGER PURSES DEMANDED.

Iron Hill Race Track, Dec. 29.—Now that it has been definitely decided that there will be no compromise between the rival race-track managements, the indications are for a lively fight after New Year's. The whole matter, however, rests with the horsemen. They met at Elkton last night and organized the Horse Owners' Protective Association. They demanded that both race track associations put up purses of not less than $175, and that instead of a daily program one for a whole week shall be prepared beforehand. The purses, as announced for the Barksdale meeting, will be $2000 each. There will be six races each day. A fair card was on to-day and some good sport was witnessed:

First race, ⅞ mile—Gov. Fifer, 3 to 1, 1; Jack Lovell, 1 to 3, 2; La Prentis 3. Time 1.04½.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Harry C, 3 to 1, 1; Desbrosses, 1 to 4, 2, place; Gould 3. Time 1.25.

Third race, 4½ furlongs—Minnetonka, 4 to 5, 1; Lottie F, even, place, 2; Graceful 3. Time .56¾.

Fourth race, 4½ furlongs—Con Lucy, 9 to 10, 1; Bessie Abbott, even, 2; Eclipse 3. Time .56.

Fifth race, ¾ mile—Navahoe, 7 to 10, 1; Tomoka, even, place, 2; Syde 3. Time 1.17.

FOUR FAVORITES AT INGLESIDE.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—First race, 6 furlongs—Pt Murphy, 110 (Isom), 2 to 1, 1; San, 110 (Spencer), 15 to 1, 2; Harry C., 105 (Thorpe), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.19.

Second race, 1 mile—Sweet Favorale, 97 (Jones), 15 to 1, 1; Torsina, 97 (Slaughter), 4 to 1, 2; Captive, 105 (Martin), 1 to 2, 3. Time 1.45½.

Third race, 7 furlongs—Aquinas, 118 (Slaughter), 11 to 10, 1; Howard, 118 (Martin), 6 to 2, 2; Casper, 118 (Jones), 9 to 2, 3. Time 1.33.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs—Reddington, 96 (Slaughter), 12 to 5, 1; Hazard, 96 (Isom), 4 to 1, 2; Woodchopper, 104 (Gardner), 16 to 5, 3. Time 1.32½.

Fifth race—Declared off.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Lucky Dog, 114 (Doggett), even, 1; Vemen, 110 (Martin), 8 to 1, 2; To Go, 110 (Slaughter), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.18¾.

A B.B. MEETING WITHOUT POWERS.

There was an enthusiastic gathering of baseball fans last night at the Grand Union, who were prepared to play any old game over again. There was nothing to do, however, except talk, as President Powers failed to materialize. George Sterling reported that season books to the value of $800 had been disposed of and those present considered this a fair canvass. Among those present was the veteran, Charlie Maddock, who is quite satisfied that the grounds over the Don are superior in every way to the Island oval. Mr. Powers is expected along to-day.

ONE MILE IN THIRTY SECONDS.

H. E. Maslin of E. C. Stearns & Co. believes that a mile can be made in thirty seconds. He says: "Incredulous as the statement may seem, I have faith in the theory that if Anderson can move at a 1.03 gait, certainly a machine manned by six riders can reduce these figures fully thirty seconds. We propose to make a trial on a Stearns sextuplet near Syracuse on the boulevard that skirts the west end of Onondaga Lake on a level stretch five miles in length."

SUTTON WON.

Chicago, Dec.29.—Sutton and Hatley were the contestants in this afternoon's game in the Bensinger-Siler tournament. Sutton (260) won by a score of 260 to 130. Averages: Sutton 8 26-30, Hatley 4. High runs: Sutton 46, Hatley 15. Hatley's handicap was 260. In the evening game Frank Maggioli (300) defeated Hatley (260) by a score of 300 to 57. Averages: Maggioli 13 1-23, Hatley 2 13-22. High runs: Maggioli 68, Hatley 11. The tournament ends to-morrow afternoon with a game between Sutton and Capron. Should Sutton win he will tie for first place.

BIG PURSES FOR WHEELMEN.

Trotting Associations Propose to Turn Over Their Tracks to the Professionals.

New York, Dec. 29.—Indications point to professional bicycle racing next year being controlled by trotting associations. Prominent track owners and trotting men are considering the advisability of the idea. The plan is that an association composed of owners of trotting tracks and others in the National American trotting Associations be formed to promote and control professional bicycle racing. The plan was advocated about a year ago by W. J. Morgan of this city.

The National Trotting Association and American Trotting Association own and control over 1200 tracks. Many of these tracks are now idle, and it is claimed the owners of tracks will gladly embrace the opportunity to use them for cycle racing. It is the plan of Mr. Morgan to form a 50 or 100 track association out of the 1200 tracks, and have each track offer about $2000 in purses during the season. Instead of scratch and handicap races, as at present, Mr. Morgan purposes to have class races, as in trotting. This he claims will bring professionals of every class into the ranks, as they will all have an equal chance to win. It is expected that a call will be issued to a number of trotting men to attend a meeting to be held either in this city or Chicago for the purpose of forming an organization.

WALLER IN THE LEAD.

Only Two Laps Ahead of Maddox at Washington—Some Indoor Records.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The bike race was continued here to-day. Great disappointment resulted as Teddy Hale did not enter the contest. He is in Washington, and will ride a number of sprints, but is not fit to enter the six days' race.

The close of the second day left the score standing: Waller 291.6, Maddox 291.0, Ashinger 290.5, Lawson 288.5, Hunter 288.0, Chappelle 286.2, Forster 286.1, Ball 269.5.

Linton made three miles in 7.06, breaking the record by six seconds.

Eddie Bald made ¼ mile in 29 seconds, reducing the record by four seconds.

These spurts against time were made immediately after the international race closed for the night.

PLAYING GOLF INDOORS.

New York, Dec. 29.—The first miniature indoor golf course that has ever been laid out in this country was thrown open to the public to-day. It was laid out by Willie Dunn, the professional of the Arcadia Casino Association.

The "links" are laid out in the assembly room at Madison Square Garden, and are very ingenious in design. A number of wealthy society people are interested in the scheme, and it is believed that indoor golf will become a very fashionable amusement this winter.

The holes are regulation cups sunk in the floor and the usual rod and disk is used. The putting greens are covered with billiard cloth, which represents turf, and can be played over with great accuracy. In approach plays, the ball is lofted over a hurdle to the putting green, which is arranged that incline puts may be acquired.

The balls are caught by nets at the end of the hole. Six persons can play at one time.

RYAN WON ON A FOUL.

Danielson, Conn., Dec. 29.—Music Hall was well filled to-night to witness a fight that was scheduled for 15 rounds to take place between Johnny Ryan of Lowell and William Daley of Boston. In the middle of the fourth round the referee threatened to give the decision to Ryan because of Daley's fouls in the fifth. Daley continued his foul fighting, and the decision was given to Ryan. As a curtain raiser John Regan of Lowell and Patsey Haley of Buffalo fought three rounds. The referee decided it a draw.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Union Metallic Cartridge Company (represented in Toronto by the Griffiths Corporation) are distributing a handsome calendar with the picture of a westerner saving his scalp.

M. O'Farrell, the old-timer, Bay View Hotel, East Toronto, writes: I hereby challenge Chambers, the old-time foot runner, to a foot race, distance from 2 to 10 miles, for $50 a side.

The Toronto Off-Hand Rifle Club will hold a shooting match for turkeys and geese at their ranges, Greenwood-avenue, on New Year's day, shooting to commence at 1 o'clock. All shooting men are cordially invited.

Mr. J. C. Boyd, formerly of Simcoe and now of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., ex-Secretary of the Ontario Breeders' Association, is at present in the city. While practically out of the racing game, Mr. Boyd still takes a keen interest in the trotters and still possesses a good stable.

W. McDowell's New Year's day shoot will be held at the Woodbine grounds. The shooting will start at 10 a.m. After lunch a match will be shot at 10 pigeons for $20 divided $6, $5, $4, $3 and $2; entry $1. Also a shoot at 25 blue rocks, entry $1, with five prizes. A comfortable double building has been erected to accommodate both pigeon and artificial bird shooters, so that both can be shot at the same time.

MAKING HIMSELF SOLID.

Warden Gilmour Permits Central Convicts to Hold a Song and Dance Entertainment and Guests Attend.

Good entertainment was not confined to the centre of the city last night, for the inmates of the Central Prison came out with a capital program full of catchy songs, negro specialties, acrobatic acts and dances. The audience of 750 was composed of 425 men and the staff and their friends. Warden Gilmour took the chair, and among the visitors present were Mayor Clendenan of Toronto Junction, Crown Attorneys Dewart and Curry and Dr. Wilberforce Atkins. The platform was tastefully decorated with palms and dahlias. The quality of the entertainment can be gauged from the fact that the talent included a number of old-time theatrical men and among these stars were Higdon, Currie, Dean, Tinsley and Hinds. At the conclusion hearty cheers were given the warden.

It is questionable whether the public of Ontario will sanction the action of Warden Gilmour in concocting an entertainment of this character, and permitting the attendance of a couple of hundred invited guests, including many women. All the convicts at the Central Prison are not hardened criminals. There were young boys among them as well as the grey-haired men, and it is just a question of propriety whether the warden should have placed these youthful prisoners in prison garb under the gaze of his invited guests. This is a matter for discussion by the public. An entertainment for prisoners alone might be permitted to pass unnoticed, but a convicts' minstrel show for the edification of the friends of the warden is quite another matter.

THEY FED 200 PEOPLE.

Hungry Adults and Children Got a Square Meal in Mission Hall.

About 200 of the poor from the "Ward" sat down to their regular annual Christmas dinner in Mission Hall on Mission-avenue last night. All nationalities and creeds were represented. It was intended that only adults should be present, but many infants, one at the breast, white faces, were brought along in mothers' arms, and in baby-carriages. Before the dinner was begun a song service was held, in which all took part. When the repast was ready, it was a hungry crowd of humanity that filed down to the tables. One man said it was the first square meal he had ever had in his life; and the way they put the food away, the remark appeared to be true of them all.

After the inner man was fully satisfied, an evangelical meeting was held upstairs. Mr. O'Brien was in the chair. The speakers were Administrator Gzowski, Rev. John Salmon, Mr. J. C. Davis, and Mr. Scott and Mr. Bright, two reclaimed drunkards. The musical part of the program was furnished by a choir of young ladies and Mrs. Thompson. Among those present and who assisted in preparing the feast were: Mrs. Nelson, Miss Kelly, Miss Regler, Miss Robertson, Miss Sims, Mr. Taylor, Miss Hamilton, Miss Goldsmith, Mr. Hopkins and Mrs. McConnell.

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THE MAYORALTY FIGHT.

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taken by Mr. Richard Macdonald. On the platform then were A R J F Hassard, R Glockling, J J Wesley Simpson, H E Simpson, Stewart Lyon and N W S Dingman.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

The first speaker was Stewart Lyon, who went deeply into facts and figures. He went into the reduction of the assessment under Mr. Fleming's regime.

Regarding the city's debt he quoted the following from figures given him by Treasurer Coady. In 1895 the net debt was the highest of any year—$17,899,000, or about $102 per head of population. In 1896 it was reduced to $17,174,000, or about $97 per head of population. On Jan. 1, 1897, the net debt will stand at $16,854,000, or about $94 per head of population. Thus, in two years, the net debt has been reduced about $8 per head. Was not this a satisfactory thing for the taxpayer to know? As one instance of this saving take the cost of light. In 1895 the cost of lighting the city was 78c a head. By a new contract it was reduced to 59 cents.

Mr. Lyon tried to explain that Mr. Fleming had given away many car tickets for a worthy cause, and had caused a perfect uproar in the hall, and the speaker did not think the subject sufficiently weighty to go on with. He made the assertion that this was the last time Mr. Fleming would run, as he would retire next year. He would be a poor return to him who had so faithfully served the city to turn him off on the last appeal.

A Voice: Ring off.

Another: He's been there long enough.

Mr. Lyon: A man who does his duty has never been in long enough.

A Voice: Give Mr. Lyon a car ticket to go to Dingman's Hall, said some one as the speaker sat down.

MANY COGENT PLEAS.

Mr. A. R. J. F. Hassard said Ald. McMurrich had not only given a few excuses, and contended they were not sufficient qualifications for Mayoralty of this city. He made a strong speech redundant with pretty phrases, asking for the return of Mayor Fleming, Ald. Preston and Mr. Godfrey as school trustees.

Mr. R. Glockling said Mayor Fleming was the man who could best guide the city while we are passing through this epoch of reform, due to public opinion, as backed up by the action of other cities. Fleming was a man of strong individuality, and his regime was pregnant with reforms that would be retarded if Mayor Fleming was not re-elected. Mr. Glockling hoped the stigma of politics would be kept out of the campaign.

THE AUDIENCE HAD SOME FUN.

Dr. Wilson was received amid uproar. He made a compromise with the audience by saying he was willing to resign in their favor if he could not prove Mayor Fleming was the right man.

A Voice: Do it quick.

Another: Quack, quack.

Another: Got change for an X?

The Doctor: Yes, I always keep change about me.

Another: That's so. Quack, quack.

Another: Where did you get that horse collar?

The quack, quack cry proved popular with the audience, and was repeated again and again.

Dr. Wilson seemed to be getting his back up, and said warmly that anyone who had anything to say against the Mayor, let him come on the platform and say it. This brought forth a cowhorn from the rear of the hall, who climbed over the crowds, and, mounting the platform, asked the chairman in loud and most aggrieved tones, "Have we come here to listen to a broil or discuss the questions relating to the welfare of the city? If it's a broil, we'll call in the police."

The champion of seemly conduct secured a very discouraging reply from lots of people at the rear of the hall, only one friendly voice remarking, "Its the Gas Company gang," but Dr. Wilson had cultivated a jollying mood in the meantime, and very pleasantly started in to forgive his interrupters. Then he got a hearing.

He defended the Mayor's position on the Street Railway matter, laying great stress on the fact that before Sunday cars can be run in Toronto we are to have a single fare service right to the Island. The Doctor defended the Mayor's course in council, and concluded with the remark, "Anyone who values the interests of the city above personal interests will vote next Monday for Mayor Fleming."

Cries of "That's right."

His Worship arrived at 9.25, and was received with cheers and groans, the former predominating. Mr. J. M. Godfrey, a nice young man, who is a candidate for school trustee, submitted that the Mayoralty election was not so important as choosing the kind of men who should run the Public schools. "If I'm elected," Mr. Godfrey was saying, when a voice remarked, "Say, yer won't do a ting, will yer." Mr. Godfrey went on to speak of extravagances on the School Board, of which the solicitorship was one of those he would endeavor to abolish if elected.

THE VOICE OF LABOR.

David Carey, the well-known labor man and Separate school trustee, made some very sensible remarks to those who were disturbing the meeting. Mayor Fleming was a man such as Toronto wanted, a man who fought against greater odds than any man in Toronto for the city's welfare. The speaker was interested in the working classes, and on their behalf he spoke in the Mayor's favor. The Mayor had used his God-given talent of energy and ability for the city.

A Voice: And for the $4000 salary.

Mr. Carey: Yes, and he has a right to it.

Many Voices: No he hasn't. No, no. Nit.

Mr. Carey continued, that Ald. McMurrich would want the labor man's support as their friend.

He stated that a lady who had the support of the Trades and Labor Council had applied to Ald. McMurrich to use his influence regarding the appointment of a factory inspector and protector of the interests of shop girls in the interview Ald. McMurrich had said there was too much fuss made about the shop girls of this city. That the Trades and Labor Council didn't bother him. That he did not see where they had any influence and as far as the labor associations were concerned, they never did anything for him, and if they had any assistance to give he didn't want it.

I don't want to give the lady's name, said Mr. Carey, but will do so if it is insisted upon.

Then there was a commotion at the end of the hall. I'm a British subject and it's a stab in the dark, came from a consumptive-sounding voice. The British subject made his way to the platform and repeated his assertion. When he was in sight of everybody, he looked more like a "before taking" quack medicine advertisement than anything else, but he reiterated the assertion that he was a "British subject," and demanded that the lady's name be given.

Mr. Carey complied with his request and gave him the lady's name.

With a contemptuous wave of the hand the British subject, who thought it was "a stab in the dark," walked back to his place, while the crowd hooted and jeered.

HIS WORSHIP SPEAKS.

Mayor Fleming came next. He waited for a minute or two before he got a hearing and then there was a quiet. It was very quiet for a moment, and the Mayor said he knew how easy it was for half a dozen or so to scatter and interrupt the meeting and thought it would be fairer to all concerned if these disturbers would kindly leave the hall. They were not many, but could make a lot of noise. The speaker laid stress on the fact that he had brought himself to the front by his own industry and stood on his record at the City Hall. If that was not satisfactory and the electors thought his opponents's election would be better in the interests of the city, then vote for him. He had confidence in this portion of the city, because they had loyally supported him and they would do so again.

A Voice: We will, but don't forget us when you get in.

The Mayor: I never forget anyone and I deny any statement that I have not worked hard for the people.

What about the aqueduct? asked a voice.

I would be glad if you were floating down it in a little while, answered the Mayor.

He then referred to the reorganization of the Assessment Department. The Court of Revision had been reorganized, $12,000,000 had been taken off and was not this a great benefit to those who owned property? The voters' list reorganized gave many new citizens a chance to vote, who were entitled to, but could not do so before. Thousands of dollars had been saved by reorganization of the Medical Health Department and other reforms were menioned. There is no business house in Toronto conducting their general business better than the city is conducting its affairs, said the Mayor. There were probably many other reforms necessary, but everything could not be done at once.

If another gentleman is elected you will, at the end of next year, find things as I leave them, complacently remarked the Mayor, and the crowd laughed and made fun of him.

SOME WORKS NEXT YEAR.

The Mayor laughed too and continued to say he would this year take Mr. Johnston's suit v. the Gas Company to the Privy Council. Other things to be done were: Improvement of bad streets—[applause]—the building of the railway to the Island. [Applause.] I am satisfied to go out of public life after I have seen that accomplished, for it shall know that I have done something great for the city, said the Mayor. In reply to a question, he continued, The delay in the Queen-street subway matter was owing to the change of Government at Ottawa. Now everything is clear and the work will be done next year. Ald. McMurrich was in the council two years ago, when the money was voted. He did nothing regarding it. It had to wait till I came in. [Cries of "Oh, Oh, That's too much, Bob."]

When the trouble among men at the Court House over 3 cents an hour had come up, the Mayor said he had told Mr. Coady to pay the extra money and if the Council would not back him up it would be taken out of his salary. [Cheers.]

He had insisted on having the union rate of wages clause put in the last contract on the Court House awarded to Bennett & Wright. He had done other things also, but some workingmen were dissatisfied and he pointed out that no Mayor under heaven could give work when the ratepayers petitioned against it being done. York-street bridge, John-street bridge and every municipal work was being pushed along and everything possible was being done for the workingman.

Then a man with one leg and a cracked voice asked the Mayor to explain the Bell-Dunn trip to Ottawa and His Worship replied, to the effect that the trouble had been over Ald. Dunn's ill-feeling towards Ald. Bell.

The Mayor wanted to get away to Dingman's Hall and had got on his overcoat, when he replied to the one-legged man. He was about to depart when a man named Sexton jumped up onto the platform and asked the Mayor to say what he thought about himself. Sexton explained that he had come to the meeting without his supper to ask that question, and that heretofore he had been a staunch supporter of the Mayor for years. Mr. Sexton, when asked to make himself clearer, said all he wanted to know was if the Mayor, while an advocate of economy, thought it consistent to railroad the Board of Control scheme through the Legislature in order to get $700 a year for himself, and to railroad a grant of $500 to himself through the Council and ask newspaper reporters to keep it a secret. He was continuing a harangue, when the Mayor said he would give an answer at either of his meetings tonight, as he had to go at once to Dingman's Hall.

The audience seemed to acquiesce and the Mayor left, amid a shower of cheers and groans. Then Mr. Sexton started to tell everyone his troubles. His antics caused the meeting to break up in general disorder, notwithstanding Chairman Macdonald's efforts to make the crowd hear that more speakers were to come.

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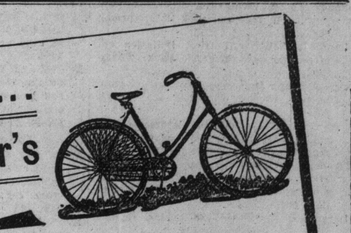

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