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ON THE WINTER TRACKS.

Favorites in Front at Alexander Island—The Card for To-Day.

Alexander Island, March 5.—A cold wave arrived here during the night, accompanied by high winds, which made it disagreeable for the patrons who made the trip to the track to-day to enjoy the sport. The card showed little improvement over that of yesterday, both in quality and quantity.

First race, 5 furlongs—Son Malheur, 110, Kung, 9 to 2, 1; Brightwood, 112, Neary, 5 to 2, 2; Trinculo, 115, Carter, 2 to 1, 3. Time 1.02.

Second race, 1 mile—Belwood, 106, Morris, 3 to 10, 1; Monte Carlo, 92, Murphy, 20 to 1, 2; Tiny Tim, 109, Ham, 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.47.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Forest, 105, Parson, 4 to 5, 1; Detroit, 107 1-2, Murphy, 20 to 1, 2; Paragon, 105, Ham, 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.01 3-4.

Fourth race, 5 1-4 furlongs—Elizabeth, 100, Morris, 8 to 1, 1; J. McLaughlin, 112, Murphy, 4 to 1, 2; Fannie Martin, 110, Cox, 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.23.

Fifth race, 6 1-4 furlongs—Samaritan, 4 to 1, 1; Prince Klamath, 4 to 1, 2; Clansman, 3. Time 1.24 1-4.

Entries: First race, 5 furlongs—Irish Pat, Harry Hinkson, Elmstone, Sonora 131, Gov. Fifer 128, Trinculo 127.

Second race, 6 1-4 furlongs—Billy Boy, Bluebird, Dillon J, Lotion, Vagabond, 112, Kazan, Jim McLaughlin 109, Venusburg 107, Sam Bryant 104, Tiny Tim 104.

Third race, 4 1-2 furlongs—Lilliputе, 115, The Snake 111, Boonton, 108, Do Now, Apprentice 106, Carrie D (late Bordelaise filly), 104, Lady Danby 101, Bob Miller (late Scotia gelding) 98, Countess 98.

Fourth race, 4 1-2 furlongs—Canadian 112, Gorman, Ben Thacker 111, Classic, Blush 106, Quilla 105, W. O'Brien 103.

Fifth race, 6 1-2 furlongs—Vestibule, West Side 110, Doc Birch, King Bird, Tammany Hall 107, Halcyon, Jack Wynne 105.

The Round at New Orleans.

New Orleans, March 5.—There was a fair crowd in attendance here to-day, although the weather was cool and blustery. The original first race was declared off and another at same distance substituted. The track was faster than for some time and the books were kept busy.

First race, 7 furlongs—Bryan, 110, Penny, even, 1; Francis Pope, 110, Reagan, 10 to 1, 2; Mote, 104, Thorpe, 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.33.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Beverly, 109, Midgley, 5 to 1, 1; Prince Imperial, 112, Reagan, even, 2; Edmund Connelly, 110, McDonald, 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.17 1-2.

Third race, 1 mile—Rapidan, 113, McKnight, 6 to 2, 1; Charter, 107, Reagan, 11 to 5, 2; Fakir, 112, Knight, 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.49.

Fourth race, 5 1-2 furlongs—Birdcatcher, 112, Thorpe, 5 to 2, 1; Flush, 100, Turner, 20 to 1, 2; Minerva, 95, Blake, 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.10 1-2.

Fifth race, 5-8 mile—Loch Leven, 105, Hennessy, 100 to 1, 1; Manoa, 102, McKnight, 4 to 1, 2; Gee Whiz, 101, Harlin, 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.05.

The Dufferin Park Matinee

Another Dufferin Park ice race matinee will be given to-morrow. There will be three races, two named and one 2-year-old. The entries are as follows:

Fast heat—Banker Wilkes, Forester, John Moore, Western Boy, Billy Hamilton, Forest Victor, Wilton Wood.

Slow heat—Wide-Awake, Paddy Tricks, Corkfoot Tom, Pete Jackson, Bobtail, Neil Mack, Sim Rogers.

Two-year-old race, four entries.

Turf Gossip.

The Richmond Hill annual winter races will be held on Bond's Lake on Friday, March 8. There will be a 2.30, a 2.50 and a named race.

Matt Peakes, who at one time was one of the leading jockeys in this country, and formerly with Mr. Beadrie's Stable, is back from England. He will train the Preakness Stable again this year.

The racehorse Canadian, who won at 50 to 1 at Washington Saturday, is a son of Pierre Lorillard's Pontiac, a Suburban winner. Canadian's seven furlongs in 1.27 1-2 was a fast performance for this season of the year.

A meeting of the Exeter Turf Club was held recently, when the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Rollins; vice-president, Wm. G. Bissett; treasurer, E. E. Ward; secretary, A. E. Tennant; committee, E. E. Ward, C. H. Sanders, Joseph Davis and T. W. Hawkshaw. After the election of officers it was decided that prizes be awarded on May 24 to the amount of $1000.

Where Prize Fights May Be Held.

Perry, O.T., March 5.—Oklahoma will soon have a law legalizing prize-fighting. The bill passed the Lower House without opposition, and will probably pass the Senate to-day. This will be the only section of the United States in which prize-fights can be held by statute. Since prize-fighting is to be allowed, a large purse has already been raised in Perry for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill, and hundreds of sports are making for dates. The sporting men of Perry have voted $25,000 for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, in case it cannot be pulled off at Jacksonville, Fla.

Toronto Kennel Club.

A general meeting of the Toronto Kennel Club will be held on Thursday at 4.15 p.m. sharp at 103 Bay-street to discuss the arrangements for the bench show, to be held during the second week in April.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TEAM DEFEATED SIX PICKED RINKS.

His Majority Was Six Shots—A Close Curling Contest in the Victoria Rink—Informal Reception Tendered by the Brithers—A Friendly Match on Granite Ice.

His Excellency the Governor-General, patron of the Ontario Curling Association, headed a coterie of curlers in the Victoria Rink last night that defeated a picked team of six rinks by 3 shots. The ice was in perfect condition, and many fine points were brought out curling the most friendly contest. Lord Aberdeen curled on No. 1 rink in the big building, and as on his last visit to Victoria showed himself a master of the stone and besom, and not only led his side to victory, but beat his opposing skip by the very number of points that won the match.

The rink was elaborately decorated with appropriate designs: "Welcome to Our Patron" was displayed happily in large letters in the alcove. After the match, which was watched with interest by a large assembly, an informal reception was tendered Aberdeen by his jolly brithers. The score was as follows:

LORD ABERDEEN.		PICKED TEAM.	
W. B. McMurrich		A. M. Cosby	
Col Sweny		Dr. Montizambert	
J. S. Russell		F. O. Cayley	
Lord Aberdeen, skip.,	9	Hon. L. M. Jones, sk.	6
J. B O'Brian		W. B. Wilson	
E. H. Duggan		L. K. Cameron	
C. J. Leonard		T. C. L. Armstrong	
H. Harman, skip.....	7	W. Maclean, skip....	13
H. Winnett		F. B. Johnson	
J. C. McKay		A. R. Capreol	
C. W. Taylor		J. Paten	
W. A. Wilson, skip....	15	J. L. Capreol, skip...	3
V. Armstrong		D. Henderson	
A. B. Cameron		A. H. Baines	
R. K. Sproule		R. K. Pringle	
Dr. Lessile, skip.....	13	E. J. Lightbourne, sk.	12
W. Campbell		R. Macdonald	
J. J. Bethune		D. McArthur	
H. T. McMillan		J. N. Gordon	
R. D. Gamble, skip...	5	H. A. Drummond, sk	9
F. A. Fleming		J. Tennant	
R. Ferguson		W. W. Belding	
T. Hodgetts		G. Sauer	
W. C. Macdonald, sk.	14	John Bain, skip.....	19
Dr. Gordon		G. G. S. Lindsey	
Hon. A. M. Ross		P. Schofield	
W. A. Hargreaves		W. J. Mitchell	
C. E. Ryerson, skip...	8	Dr. Davis, skip.....	6
Total.....	71	Total.....	68

The Granites Take a Lead.

The Granites secured a 13 points' advantage in the first half of an S-rink match played on their own ice last night, their opponents being the Caledonians. The contest will be finished this afternoon in Mutual-street. Score:

GRANITE.		CALEDONIAN.	
George Carruthers		H. D Kelly	
John Meharg		J. P. Slater	
J. W. Gale, jr.		D. J. Slater	
L. A. Williamson, sk.	11	W. Summerfeldt, sk.	10
G. H. Ross		D. Sloan	
N. McNachtan		B. Lancey	
W. G. Lowe		J. Watson	
W. O. Thornton, skip.	15	W. S. Hartley, skip..	18
R. Campbell		W. Field	
J. W. Carroll		A. N. Garrett	
H. G. Webster		W. G. Prentice	
G. S. Crawford, skip.	16	T. McIntosh, skip....	13
W. F. McMahon		F. Hayward	
W. Y. Cameron		W. Pringle	
James Bonner		W. J. McCormack	
G. W. Musson, skip...	15	D. Prentice, skip.....	6
Total.....	57	Total.....	44

The Governor-General's Prize to Stone-Playing Clubs.

This interesting match will be played to-day on the Victoria Rink, Huron-street, beginning about noon and ending about 4 p.m. The competing clubs are the Hamilton Thistles and the Oshawa curling clubs. Both are well known to be first-class, and are in fine trim this year, having won the championships of their respective districts against very strong competitors, and in the final competition for the Ontario Tankard the Thistle club won the first prize, and the Oshawa the consolation. His Excellency will be present to witness the contest, and this with the special interest attached to the match will arouse each player to do his very utmost to capture the prize, and a fine exhibition of the highest skill in the art of curling may be expected.

Their Annual Match.

The Little York Curling Club's annual match, president v. vice-president, set for yesterday, was postponed until to-morrow at 10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m., so that all the members of this successful club can play in daylight. The losing side will set up the oysters.

Celebrities on the Ice To-Night.

The match this evening on the Granite Rink between six rinks composed of the patron and office bearers of the Ontario Curling Association and one rink from each of the city clubs will excite no less interest than the afternoon match. It will be on a larger scale, and the players will be largely those who have won fame in the curling world, and whose names are familiar as household words.

Commerce Juniors Won

The final contest in the Junior Bank Hockey League was played on Granite ice last night, the result being a victory for Commerce by 9 to 4, the half-time score standing 6 to 2. Teams:

Commerce II. (9): Foster, goal; Blain, point; Cowan, cover; Pemberton, Peters, Samson, Whitehall, forwards.

Combination II. (4): Scott, goal; Black, point; Jarvis, cover; Playfair, Wilson, Anderson, Cronin, forwards.

Hamilton's Jockey Club Scandal

Hamilton, March 5.—On Sunday afternoon a party of young men, members of the Jockey Club, invited a number of the gentlemen of the Gaiety Girl Company to the club house. While there the talk turned on boxing and other sport, and as a result an impromptu contest was arranged between Mr. Carleton, the brawny athlete who took the part of the bath attendant in the play, and Reginald Moreton, a young Hamiltonian, well known in Toronto as a lawn tennis and Rugby football expert, who has some experience in the noble art. The pair donned the gloves and fought three two-minute rounds with a timekeeper, bottle-holder and all the usual accessories. Carleton managed to land heavily on Moreton's larboard jaw in the first round, and from thence on seemed to have the best of the local champion. As neither was in training they were pretty well exhausted at the wind-up. The little affair passed off pleasantly and nothing more was thought of it. However, some of the directors heard of it and were not at all pleased at the club house being put to such use on Sunday. President Lottridge has declared that unless the members who participated resign he will do so. A meeting for investigation into the affair has been called for Friday at 11 o'clock. Mayor Stewart, secretary of the club, was among those who were present, so the developments are expected to be of an interesting character.

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HOW HARDING WON THE RACE

The Lightweight Sculler's Plucky Fight and Great Victory Over Sullivan on the Tyne.

English exchanges show that Harding simply rowed his man down in the sculling race on the Tyne Feb. 23 last for the English championship, although ice had something to do with the big margin of six lengths at the finish. It was a great performance for the lightweight, as the distance was covered under not too favorable conditions in the good time of 21 minutes 15 seconds, which is only surpassed by Ed. Hanlan's performance of 21 minutes 1 second, when he defeated Elliott.

The Newcastle Chronicle's capital description of the race is as follows:

Harding won the toss for sides and chose the north side of the river, but the advantage appears to be small in this respect. At five minutes past 5 o'clock all was in readiness, and the competitors endeavored to make a start by mutual consent. Sullivan got away just a trifle too soon, and both paddled back to the stake boats. The next attempt was more successful, and the men made a beautiful start. It was seen that Sullivan in the first few strokes had gained a decided lead. The Hammersmith oarsman was pulling faster than his opponent, with a clean, magnificent stroke that propelled his skiff rapidly in front of his opponent. There were loud cries of, "Two to one on Sullivan," but Harding was not without his friends by any means. During the whole of the first quarter of a mile the Hammersmith representative continued to draw ahead of the Chelsea lightweight. His advantage, certainly, was slowly gained, but it was sure. At Scott's foundry Sullivan was a good half length in front. At Skinner Burn he had somewhat increased his advantage, being then three-quarters of a length in front. There was then, however, no indication as to how the race would go. Sullivan was pulling then a quick, clean stroke, but appeared, if anything, to be a trifle flurried. The Chelsea representative, on the contrary, seemed to be going about the business in quite a methodic, self-reliant manner. His stroke was every bit as neat as that of his opponent, but, if one might judge from his graceful, swinging movements, he had his vessel in better control than Sullivan, and had an excellent prospect of husbanding his strength until an opportune moment.

Between the last-named point and the Redheugh Bridge there was a splendid sheet of rowing water, which was as smooth as the proverbial millpond. Owing to the fact that the start was fixed to take place three hours and a half before high water there was no great strength in the tide, but this was counterbalanced by the fact that the competitors had a light easterly breeze behind them. There was no appearance of ice, and the conditions were highly favorable for the decision of this particular part of the contest. As the afternoon advanced a fog crept up from the sea, and the light became exceedingly bad. As they approached the Skinner Burn both men had settled down to their work in earnest, and an opportunity was given of comparing the different styles of the two men. It must be admitted that on the two Harding was much the more taking in appearance, and he simply rowed like a piece of well-oiled machinery. Sullivan on the other hand got a tremendous hold of the water and making full use of his slide pulled the stroke through with marvelous power. The result was that the champion still further increased the distance between himself and the Chelsea sculler. As they approached the Redheugh Bridge, however, Harding began to bear further over to the southward, and at one time he seemed to be in danger of fouling the central buttress of the bridge, but he sheered round in time, and shot through the second arch of the Redheugh Bridge three and a half lengths to the good, in 2 minutes 25 seconds from the start. As they passed through the bridge, Sullivan eased a little, but without losing any of his advantage, and instead of crossing over to the north for the benefit of the bend, the Hammersmith sculler made a wide detour, and seemed for a moment as though he was going right out of the course altogether. Harding all this time was struggling on with extraordinary gameness, but he could make no sort of impression upon the champion, who passed the New Quay corner with a good 4-lengths lead.

At the New Quay corner, hundreds of people were assembled, and on a large hopper which was moored close by was thronged with workmen. After passing this point, although the Hammersmith sculler continued to increase his advantage, he still continued to veer farther over to the southward, and for the moment Harding looked completely beaten, he also bearing right over to southward, and right in the wake of his opponent, who passed Dunn-street Gangway a good five lengths ahead; the leader's time up to this point being 5 minutes 5 seconds. After passing this point, Harding appeared to be all astray, and it looked as though the competitors were about to change sides. Sullivan, who still held his advantage, reaching the mile point in 5 minutes 20 seconds from the start. Although both men were vigorously signalled by their respective pilots, neither appeared to take the slightest heed. Harding now being dead astern of the leader, who, however, was too far in front to hamper him with his backwash, but just after passing the east end of the Elswick Shipyard, the Chelsea light-weight bore over to the northward again, where he obtained the advantage that was to be gained by the run of the tide. Sullivan, on the other hand, still continued apparently to pull with his left, so that the scullers were now very wide apart, and Harding was thus enabled to get a look at his opponent, who seemed to be rapidly coming back to the starmost man. The utmost excitement prevailed on board the referee boat as Harding was seen at this point to be drawing up to his opponent. Cries of "Gan on Harding," were heard on all sides of the boat, as well as on the north side of the river. This demonstration as much as anything clearly indicated that the little man was the favorite with the public. Sullivan now seemed to have his work fairly cut out, and Harding was rowing so well within himself that the betting at this point turned slightly in his favor. Right along Armstrong's shipyard the cheers were all for Harding, who kept drawing nearer and nearer to his opponent. The water at this point was remarkably smooth. There was barely a ripple on the river. The sun had just passed out of view behind the hills at Wickham, but still there was a tinge of red in the river, which rendered the picture perfect from an outside point of view. As the Chelsea light weight kept steadily decreasing the distance between himself and the powerful champion the excitement on board the boat increased more and more. Harding was ably pioneered, and he got some advantage by steering to the north shore, nearing the Ordnance Works.

Sullivan was evidently tiring after Armstrong's Shear Legs were passed, which were reached in 9 minutes 26 seconds from the start, but he pulled a pluckly race, and the contest that now ensued on the broad stretch of water at this part was as finely contested as any that has ever been seen on the Tyne. But he was not now pulling as good a stroke as his opponent, and it seemed only to be with some difficulty that he managed to keep a bare length's lead at the High Elswick gangway. Immediately afterwards, Harding, in response to the cheers of a large crowd on the quays by the side of the factory, put on an excellent spurt, which brought him on level terms with his opponent, and immediately afterwards he secured a length's lead which was increased to two lengths as the top of the factory was reached.

At Paradise Quay, however, which was reached in 15 minutes 10 seconds from the start, Harding was leading by a bare length only, and, although Sullivan had been hugging the south shore all the way from Elswick Gangway until after passing this point, where the water was quite dead, he then came more into midstream, and for a short distance he again inspired his supporters with hope, indeed, until a short distance from Benwell Ferry it looked either man's race, but he then again went over to the southward, and the Chelsea man passed the ferry three lengths to the good in 17 minutes 15 seconds from the start. The race to all intents and purposes was now over, for the leader, without much apparent effort, increased his advantage.

Harding held a commanding lead as he passed the Derwent Gut, but about 200 yards further west there was a barrier of ice right across the river, which was dammed back by a flush of water running from a gully on the Haughs. The Chelsea lightweight was duly apprised of it, as was also Sullivan, but whilst the former steered over to the southward and dodged round about it, the latter rowed his craft through the floe, Harding eventually winning by six lengths in 21 minutes 15 seconds, the loser's time being returned as 21 minutes 50 seconds. At the conclusion of the race the men shook hands, and subsequently Harding made the usual collection on board the referee boat on behalf of the beaten man.

Tom Sullivan, not being satisfied with the result, wants to row Harding on the Thames for the championship of England, The Sportsman Challenge Cup and £200 a side, the race to take place at the latter part of April.

Athletic and General Notes.

The New York Giants have commenced practice at Jacksonville.

Advices from Boston state that John L. Sullivan has taken the pledge and that he will again start on the road with a new company. But they are only advices.

The national fencing championship of America will be decided in New York April 26 and 27.

The Prince of Wales' Britannia during last year started in 48 races and won 36 firsts and two other prizes. In money she won £2799.

President Ward, one cobourg and two Hamilton delegates were present for the three-mile event of the Canadian Amateur Baseball Association and as they did not form a quorum the meeting adjourned.

An open shoot will be held at the Woodbine this afternoon, commencing at 2.30. Mr. W. Hine, the expert shot of Winnipeg, now on his way to England, will participate in the matches.

Minerva, the female champion of America at lifting weights, is going to England to enter the arena against Mlle. Athleta, England's champion strong woman, in a contest for the championship of the world. Minerva and Athleta are probably the two strongest women in the world.

Edward Smith, who won the last two Christmas handicaps promoted by the Newcastle Pedestrian Company, is dead. Smith, who was just over 19 years of age, gave great promise of becoming a champion sprinter. He strained himself in the final heat of the last handicap which he won, and the accident was the precursor of divers diseases, typhoid fever being the one which terminated a short but brilliant career.

The Ramblers Cycling Club's first annual at home in their spacious club house, 305 Parliament-street last night was a most successful affair. The building's interior was appropriately decorated. After the concert 75 couples enjoyed the dance. Refreshments were served during the evening. Among those on the program were: Pianist, W. Harrison; piano solo, W. Harrison; solo, Miss Nellie James; comic song, W. A. Tilgott; recitation, Miss L. Padden; solo, Miss L. James; comic song, E. B. Piggott. W. Christie. The committee that carried out the event so successfully were: Messrs. R. Simpson, Dr. Lougheed, F. H. Doley, W. Griffin, T. Lewis, J. Mathers, F. W. Little and J. Hartley.

Do Racing Teams Pay?

This is the question that the manufacturer is asking himself these days. He wants to be in the swim and have the papers announce that "McScorcher, of the speedy team, defeated Sanger in the mile open." It is sweet music to his ears. But if he stops to figure the cost of such an announcement he will find that he could get a page "ad" in every cycle paper in the country with the money that he spends on a racing team. Good things come high, but your manufacturer must have them. Racing teams may be good things to boom a wheel, but the money spent in this manner might be put to a better use in advertising in the papers. There are so many teams in the field this year that the fame the maker will get from his team's winnings will not amount to much. At least one big firm has come to this conclusion. The world knows that the riders of the various makes of wheels do not use that particular make upon which they race on the score of any real or fancied merit of which these wheels can boast. This method of advertising has been overworked and falls flat, to a certain extent, with the general public. "It is ridiculous to expect an intelligent public to believe a statement, which any bicycle manufacturer may make, to the effect that Mr. 'So and So,' the great racing man, will ride this, that or the other wheel in all his races, 'because he has concluded that it is the fastest and best wheel made,' or words to that effect," "Suggest an increased salary, and Mr. 'So and So' can 'discover' a 'faster' wheel."

The public is beginning to recognize the fact that the man do not ride certain wheels from choice, but because they are paid to do so. Most of the big makers keep teams just to be "in the swim," and because others do. The small makers are really responsible for the maintenance of these luxuries. They are spending money in this manner that might be better used in newspaper advertising. When will they recognize the fact that the milk has all been drained from the cocoanut?

The "Eclipse" Bicycle Company recognized this fact when they first commenced business, many years ago, and as a consequence have consistently refrained from employing any racing men to boom their wheels. That they have not greatly suffered thereby may be judged from the fact that they are not only one of the most prosperous concerns in America, but as well their reputation as builders of high-grade wheels is second to none.—Bicycle Exchange.

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THE GOULD WEDDING.

How It Ranked Socially—The Get-Up of the Young Groom in the Way of Clothes.

From The New York World.

The gathering at the Castellane-Gould wedding was mixed, but interesting and highly creditable.

Among those present there were no Astors, no De Puysters, no Ogden Millses, no Stuyvesants, not even any Vanderbilts.

But, on the other hand there were some Brockholst Cuttings, some Turnures, some Duers, some Bronsons, some Cooper-Hewitts—and there was M. Pierre F. Collier, whose presence means assured social success, the man who taught George Gould to jump a horse over a fence. Viewed from the social standpoint, the event must be called a very decided triumph. The rise of this family has been much more rapid than was that of the Vanderbilts, for instance, and this fact was pointed out proudly and repeatedly yesterday by the society godmother and the society godfather of the Goulds, who were present.

The bridegroom, young Count Castellane, did not have his trousers turned up, and in this respect he set a good example to the young Earl of Craven, who honored the republic by marrying Miss Bradley Martin. He was a fine-looking young bridegroom, rather artistic than robust, perhaps. Not the sort of man old Jay Gould would have chosen to help him in a big railway fight, but very pleasant to look at. His face, usually pink, was inclined to be scarlet. His golden hair was curled into tight knots. Each knot was about as big as a hickory nut, and there were a good many dozens of them scattered over his head. Some thought the little tight curls were natural and some thought they were manufactured. They were probably natural, for it is not good form to have one's hair curl now, and few of these young men who give their best thought to their hair dare to do what is bad form.

The young man was immaculate—too immaculate. He was too carefully dressed for good taste in America, too carefully dressed for manliness in England. He was all right for France, however, for over there they have given up their own methods in favor of the English and have not yet decided what is right. This description of his array is importment, and, as Mr. Kipling's lone wolf would say, "Look well!"

The Count de Castellane's coat was, of course, a frock coat, what is called by the unlettered a Prince Albert. This was made of a soft black stuff, and it had long skirts as wide and sweeping as they could be made without the aid of haircloth. So far, all right. But at the waist the coat was drawn very tight, and at the shoulders it was made unnaturally broad with padding. There were the fatal errors. Any man wise in the folly of modern dress would say at sight of a man dressed as was De Castellane: "That's a Frenchman trying to be English, or it's a second-rate Englishman with a third-rate tailor."

The Count's waistcoat was cut low in the neck, with a big rolling collar. His tie was a puff, a light concoction such as the sea might wash up on the shore of a tropical sun-lit island, but such as in reality must be bought for shillings in the Burlington Arcade. A strong puff of wind might have blown the tie away, but it might also have blown away the bridegroom; so that made no difference.

Now come the trousers. "Look well, oh wolves!" They were pale in tint. The artist who colored them found his inspiration in the soft upper end of a pale, sea-worn shell. They were big around, and they fell in folds that swelled out to the knees. At the knees they came in a little. Then they swelled out again, to sink in at the ankles and die away in a last gentle swell on the instep of small, pointed, glittering patent-leather shoes. Now you have the portrait of a French Count's trousers. But you have not the one great important detail. The great detail is the shirt.

You may study for weeks, and unless you have seen it you will never guess what made the Count de Castellane's shirt different from all shirts ever seen in America, excepting the shirts of the Prince Poniatowski.

The shirts of the Count de Castellane have no starch in them. The bosoms are soft as the fur on the stomach of an unborn astrakhan kid. They are not made of hard linen that stops the breath and saws the neck. They are dreams, and with evening dress they have ruffles to make them keep their place. They are an improvement on the horrors that bind us all.

We must thank this Count from a foreign land for teaching us this trick. Besides, shirts last longer when they are not starched.

Russian Coal Oil Combine.

London, March 5.—The Pall Mall Gazette says another attempt is being made to unite the petroleum producers in Russia under the auspices of nobles and the French Rothschilds, and thus create a monopoly. There will be a meeting of producers with this object some time within the present month. The project is favored by the Russian Ministry of Finance.

No Troops Massed in British Guiana.

London, March 5.—The Foreign Office has no knowledge of the report published in a New York newspaper, in an alleged special despatch, of British troops having been massed on the frontier of British Guiana. If British troops have been massed there, which is not believed, the movement was not made in pursuance of orders from the London Government, as no such orders have been given.

Royal Toronto Sailing Skiff Club.

The annual meeting of the above club was held in their club house last night, about one hundred being present. Several amendments to the bylaws, constitution and sailing regulations were discussed and adopted by the club. The great fight of the evening was over the election for Rear-Commodore, and after a close and hotly contested fight Mr. F. M. Holland was declared elected. The reports of the officers and committees showed that the financial condition is first-class. The result of the elections was: Commodore, H. M. Pellatt; vice-commodore, W. A. Campbell; rear-commodore, F. M. Holland; captain, T. A. E. World; hon. sec-treas., L. J. Levy; asst. sec.-treas., W. E. Bourne; hon. measurer, T. A. Riley; asst. measurer, A. Price.

Executive Committee—Messrs. E. Apted, G. F. Patterson, George Fensom, W. Stewart, — Wilson, George E. Roden, George H. Gooderham and A. Kitely.

Sailing Committee—Messrs. S. J. Apted, W. Ward, D. World, W. Anderson, W. Fensom and T. Anderson.

Representatives to Skiff Association—Messrs. T. A. E. World, E. Apted, W. Ward, T. Riley and D. E. World.

Auditors—Messrs. H. W. Cuff and J. McQuillan.

Decoration Committee—Messrs. W. A. Sherwood, B. Saulter, McGraw and Geo. Browne.

The Queen City Bloomers.

The Queen City Bicycle Club met last night. The bloomer, as a business suit for 1895, was discussed and favored by the members. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, when dues for the C.W.A. must be paid.

The Louisville Baseball Club will be noted this year for having the shortest, tallest and richest players on the diamond. Sweeney is the shortest, Jantzen the tallest and Hatfield, with his $75,000, the richest player. It might also be added that it has a player whom the league has declared no money can buy for a year. Hart, Brush and Freedman know his name.

LI HUNG RULES THE ROOST.

He Is Given Full Power to Arrange Terms of Peace With Japan.

London, March 5.—A Central News despatch from Pekin says: Li Hung Chang leaves for Japan, via Tien-Tsin, to-day. He is now in supreme favor. During his stay in Pekin he has had five audiences with the Emperor and two with the press. The prospects for peace are regarded as very good, but there will be no armistice until a conference is had between the Chinese envoys and the Japanese representatives. Li Hung Chang has full power, and is the bearer of an imperial despatch to this effect. All of his rivals have been dispersed, and if his mission is successful many reforms will be instituted.

The Chinese warships captured at Wei-Hai-Wei have arrived at Yokohama, in charge of Japanese crews. The Japanese are hopeful of raising the ships which were sunk in Wei-Hai-Wei harbor.

Separate School Board.

At the meeting of the Separate School Board last night there were present Very Rev. J. J. McCann, Rev. Fathers Hand, Cruise and Carberry and Messrs. M. Walsh, W. Ray, P. J. Mulqueen, V. F. Farley and D. A. Carey. Accounts amounting to $44 were passed and ordered to be paid.

The standing committee on Sites and Buildings recommended that a two-room brick school be erected on the property recently purchased by the board in Bolton-avenue, at a cost of $2000, and that a site for a new school in Earl-street be purchased at a cost of $50 per foot, and that a four-room brick school be erected thereon at a cost of $4500. The recommendations were accepted and Messrs. Post and Holmes appointed as architects for the Bolton-avenue school and Mr. J. W. Hynes architect of the Earl-street school.

The Management Committee requested that supplies be purchased for the various schools as recommended by the committee.

At the Academy.

Believers in spiritualism and kindred mysteries doubtless formed the larger part of last night's audience at the Academy. Miss Anna Eva Fay, whose name has been known for a great many years in connection with stage spiritualism, opened a three-nights' engagement, and her performance provided plenty of amusement for the spectators. Though the "mysteries" were to the minds of many in the audience mere tricks, most of them were certainly clever enough to baffle the keenest scrutiny of Ald. Davies and Dr. Walker, who represented the audience on the stage. The standing handkerchief was, however, easily seen through, through some bungling at the other end of the string. Miss Fay will be at the Academy to-night and to-morrow, matinee and night.

The Musee.

Abundance of amusement is provided this week for patrons of the Musee. The lecture hall attractions include Satanella, the wire-haired boy, "Billy" Carkeek with his barrel, Hornmann, magician; Clio, snake-charmer, and the tattooed wonder. The theatre attractions are: McCarthy, tambourine spinner; Carleton Sisters, dancers; Nankeville, sentimental vocalist; Harson and Mack, female impersonators; Miss Tillia, singing soubrette, and Reyna and Rondo, lightning artists.

Westminster Choir at Massey Hall.

The large audience in Massey Hall last evening greatly enjoyed the capital program which was rendered by the Westminster choir, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Durward Lely, Miss Jessie Alexander and Mrs. A. Moir Dow. The choir acquitted themselves admirably, and the other contributors to the evening's entertainment are favorites wherever they appear. The popular prices were as much appreciated as the good program.

Thomas' Orchestra.

The Thomas Orchestra concert on two weeks from Friday in the Massey Hall promises to be a splendid success. The subscribers' list at Nordheimer's is being largely signed and includes the names of all our musical people.

Lecturer and Orator.

Rev. Robert McIntyre, the brilliant lecturer and orator, will lecture in the Massey Music Hall on the evening of Saturday, the 23rd inst. The subject of the lecture will be announced later.

Della Fox

To-morrow evening Della Fox will be seen at the Grand Opera House in her great New York success, "The Little Trooper." The company consists of nearly 80 metropolitan artists.

Notes.

The final rehearsal of chorus-soloists and orchestra for "Una" takes place to-night at Massey Music Hall.

The Dead of Yesterday.

London, March 5.—Sir Joseph Dodge Weston, member of the House of Commons for the east division of Bristol, died to-day. In politics Sir Joseph was a Liberal of advanced views, in favor of Home Rule. He was a Magistrate of Bristol and was Mayor of that city 1880-84.

Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson is dead. He was formerly British Ambassador to Persia, and was a life member of the Council of India.

Chicago's Mayor Favors Monopoly.

Chicago, March 5.—Notwithstanding the great civic and religious protest against the action of the City Council in passing the Ogden Gas and Cosmopolitan Electric Ordinances, the Mayor last night signed the gas ordinances. He holds that they are a blow at the Chicago gas monopoly. Never before has such a distinguished body of men as the Civic Federation been ignored by a Mayor.

Her Excellency and His Eminence.

Baltimore, Md., March 5.—Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Governor-General of Canada, stopped in Baltimore yesterday on her way from Washington to Ottawa, and made a formal call upon Cardinal Gibbons, whom she thanked, "with all my heart," for the great help given her by His Eminence to make successful at the Chicago World's Fair the exposition of Irish industries. The Arundel Club gave a breakfast in honor of Lady Aberdeen.

That Tired Feeling

So common at this season, is a serious condition, liable to lead to disastrous results. It is a sure sign of declining health tone, and that the blood is impoverished and impure. The best and most successful remedy is found in

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla

Which makes rich, healthy blood, and thus gives strength to the nerves, elasticity to the muscles, vigor to the brain and health to the whole body. In truth, Hood's Sarsaparilla

Makes the Weak Strong

Be sure to get Hood's and only Hood's. $1; six for $5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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DISASTROUS GAS EXPLOSION.

$400,000 Damage Caused by Natural Gas at Anderson, Ind.

Anderson, Ind., March 5.—The most destructive natural gas explosion in the history of the Indiana gas belt occurred here this morning. A $75,000 business block in the Court House-square was blown over in the central part of the city. Fire followed the explosion, which was like an earthquake, and the remains of the debris began burning fiercely.

Attorney Ballard and County Commissioner Metcalf lived in rooms in the block, and it is feared they have perished. The loss on the building and contents is total and will reach $400,000. The fronts of all business houses in the neighborhood of the explosion were demolished, paved streets ripped open and telephone cables torn down.

Proposed Remedies for German Distress.

Berlin, March 5.—The German Agricultural Council held a meeting to-day. After listening to an address by Minister Von Hammerstein, the meeting discussed the motion of Baron Erffas to relieve the prevailing distress by refusing the most favored nation clause to competing countries not in Europe, while at the same time proposing that the European countries unite with the object of securing a customs union and a reform of the currency. After protracted discussion the motion was commended to the careful attention of the Minister of Agriculture.

Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

Local Jottings.

A numerously-signed petition has been received at the City Hall against rebuilding the McLaughlin soda water factory in Sherbourne-street.

In an affiliation case before Judge Morgan yesterday the baby was filed as an exhibit in evidence that it was the image of its dad. The putative father was A. O. Eaton of Eglinton; the mother, Bessie Pike, 16, formerly servant in Eaton's household.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Elm-street Methodist Church have invited members of other societies to meet with them on Monday evening next to have the aims of the Union for Practical Progress explained. Rev. Dr. Sims, F