THE FUTURE OF BASEBALL.

THE LEAGUE AND PLAYERS ARE GROWING WEARY.

and Both Are Willing to Compromise—How the Old International League May Be Re-Formed—The Circuit in '91—The Present Prospect for Pennants—Other Sports.

A short time ago the summer was the lively season for base ball. The scene was changed a year ago, and the winter months witnessed the true diamond excitement. It was then that the men struck and formed the Brotherhood League. This institution expected success, but now recognizes its mistake and offers, or at least is willing to, compromise. Its big rival, the body from which it is an off-shoot, as well as the "Players" themselves, are now growing weary of the warfare and must certainly soon take a definite and different course. The winter is near at hand, the playing or quiet season nearly closed and the bustle must be expected.

In Toronto the game professionally is practically dead—the mishap being caused indirectly by last winter's shuffle. The paying towns Rochester, Syracuse, Toledo and Buffalo were taken from our International to replace Brotherhood cities that left the American Association, except the last-named, that made a clean jump.

A well-informed New Yorker declares that the Players' League will most likely absorb the American Association, as both leagues could be strengthened by such an action, the Association having many desirable players. Should the Players' League gain control of the Association, it would, without doubt, make it the foremost baseball organization in the country. The National League would quickly recognize the fact and would not be slow in treating with it.

If such a plan is carried out, the circuit of the new organization, whatever its name might be, would probably be like this: New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston in the East, and Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville and Cleveland in the West. This would leave out Columbus, Rochester, Toledo, Syracuse and Baltimore clubs of the American Association, and Pittsburg and Buffalo of the Players' League.

Thus all the old International clubs would be thrown out in the cold and a new organization and rejuvenation would in all probability occur, if not next year, certainly in '92, and again baseball would flourish in Toronto, the great centre of all kinds of land and water sports and pastimes.

Three More Weeks of Baseball.

Only three weeks remain of the present baseball season, and then the players will be able to hide away their favorite bats and prepare to enjoy their season of forced retirement. The Brooklyn team continues to hold the lead in the National League race and ought to win the pennant. The Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago teams are close, together for second place and ought to make an exciting finish. Anson's team is playing in remarkable form, and as it plays all its remaining games on home grounds it has an excellent chance to capture second honors. The Boston team continues to hold the lead in the Players' League race and will probably retain the advantage to the end. Indifferent or careless playing, however, may defeat Boston, as it did last year. The New York and Brooklyn teams will probably fight it out for second honors, although the Philadelphia team has a chance to secure the position. The Louisville team will play most of its remaining games at home grounds and ought to be able to hold its present advantage to the end. The St. Louis team is second and Columbus third. The other nines are out of the race, at least for first honors.

Two Peculiar Home Runs.

In the second N.L. game at Chicago with Cleveland last Friday two home runs were made, one by Earl and the other by Wilmot, both of the Chicagos. Two men in a box at the game had a great deal of fun in a queer fashion. And the tale may open the Clevelanders' eyes to possible future cases, says The Inter-Ocean. The cunning folk in the box came loaded with a couple of Brotherhood balls in their overcoat pockets. Whenever a foul tip would sail back over the grand stand one of the men would make it a point to get the ball on its return. Putting it in his pocket he would toss to Umpire McQuaid one of the imported Brotherhood balls. In a few minutes it would be in play. As everybody knows, the Players' ball acts in a peculiar manner in unfamiliar hands. Vian shot one down to Earle in the second inning and the long Chicagoan hit it a tap that would scarcely have driven a league ball out of the diamond. The strange ball mounted in the air like a bird and lost itself somewhere in Congress-street. Earle chased round the bases with the surprised expression of a man paid a forgotten debt. The merry strangers quietly dropped their second Brotherhood ball on the grass a few minutes later. Wilmot was the first man to get a good crack at it. That, too, was lost over the south wall. Where the joke comes in is the fact that the cunning strangers' plan was to let Cleveland get the good of the lively ball, and when they had the chance they fell down without one fair jab at it.

The Baseball Score.

PLAYERS'—Chicago 1, Buffalo 3.

NATIONAL—Pittsburg 2, Cleveland 4; Boston 4, Brooklyn 12; Chicago 5, Cincinnati 2.

AMERICAN—Toledo 1, Louisville 6; (second game) Toledo 4, Louisville 8; Athletics 1, Baltimore 5; Columbus 1, St. Louis 0; Syracuse 1, Rochester 1, darkness.

Dust From the Diamond.

The first English championship flag has been pulled off by the Aston Villas, who led with a percentage of .680—38 points better than the Prestons, who took second place.

Catcher Zimmer has broken all previous catchers' records by participating in 108 successive championship games behind the bat. But for his being called home on account of illness of his family he would undoubtedly have caught in every championship game played by the Clevelands this season.

THE ARGONAUT RACES.

Contestants for the Opening Heats To-day—Some Notes.

Four heats of the preliminaries of the Argonaut Rowing Club's fall four-oared races take place this afternoon over the usual course, starting south of the new Yonge-street dock and finishing at the club house and are between these crews:

Boyd v. Morrison.
Holden v. Barker.
Higginbotham v. Small.
Cameron v. McGee.

In all 17 fours will compete for the medals and the entire lot of oarsmen have practised faithfully. The crews that give most promise are McGee's, Cameron's, T. H. Thompson's, Holden's and Barker's.

The races will take place in the club's new four-oared boats recently built by Wartin which are "clinkers" as Artie Denison avers.

The finals take place Saturday, after which the prizes will be presented by the president, Col. Sweny. On that day a race takes place between the Toronto Canoe Club's Unk-tahee and the Argonauts' six-oared gig.

The contest for the senior single championship of the club will be a spirited one, as both Northwestern Champion McKay and Canadian Champion Burrett are rowing in fine form.

F. H. Thompson, E. A. Thompson, L. B. Stewart and R. C. Kirkpatrick are the entries for the junior singles.

A new canoe is being built for the Argonauts by the new canoe company and will be ready in the spring.

The entries for the canoe singles to take place Saturday are W. Stewart, M. McKenzie, G. H. Muntz and S Small.

RUNNING IN THE RAIN.

Inauspicious Opening of the Brooklyn Jockey Club's Fall Meet.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 16.—The Brooklyn Jockey Club's season of fall racing opened to-day. Rain continued throughout the day and several owners took off their entries. In the Oriental handicap Kingston, Tenny, Prince Fonso and Come-to-Taw were scratched and Eurus won it, carrying top weights.

First race, 5 furlongs—Volunteer II. (favorite) 1, Bobby Beach 2, Ballarat 3. Time 1.02¾.

Second race, 1 1-16 miles—Diablo 1, Stuford 2, Miss Belle 3. Time 1.52.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Russell won, Gascon 2, Homer 3. Time 1.17¾.

Fourth race, the Oriental handicap, 1¼ miles—Eurus, favorite, won; Eon 2, Castaway II 3. Time 2.13¼.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Kirkover 1, Eliat 2, Latina 3. Time 1.05.

Sixth race, same distance—Victress, filly 1, Benjamin 2, John M. 3. Time 1.05.

Seventh race, 1 1-16 miles—Kempland 1, Glenmount 2, Hockey 3.

On the Grand Circuit.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16.—The Grand Circuit meeting of the Philadelphia Driving Park Association was commenced to-day The track was in pretty fair shape when the first race opened, but after three heats a shower made it soft and slippery. The racing was interesting. The pacer Dallas (record 2.11½) had a narrow escape from serious injury. While being exercised one wheel of the sulky came off. The driver sprang from the sulky after being dragged fifty yards and caught the animal by the nostrils just as he was about to run away. The 2.33 trot was postponed until to-morrow. In the race for 2.25 class pacers Orphan Boy was the favorite. In the 2.24 trot race Frank F. was the favorite. Summary:

2.25 racing class, purse $1000:

Orphan Boy	4 1 1 1
Treasure	1 3 5 5
David Copperfield	3 2 2 2
Sagwa	3 5 4 4
Jimmie Patterson	5 4 6dr
Frank W.	5 6 dr

Time 2.24¼, 2.20¼, 2.22¾, 2.23¼.

2.24 class, trotting, $1000:

Nightingale	3 4 1 1 2 1
Frank F.	1 1 3 2 3 5
John W.	4 7 4 5 1 2
Grand R.	5 2 2 3 4 6r
Alicanto	2 3 5 4 5ro
Major Ulrich	7 6 5 6 dr
Buckskin Dick	6 5 7 dis
Edwin Q.	8 dis

Time 2.24¾, 2.25¼, 2.30, 2.29¼, 2.28, 2.27.

Tom Rogers' Blue Grass Stakes.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 16.—The fall meeting of the Louisville Jockey Club opened to-day. The event was the Blue Grass stakes for two-year-olds.

First race, ½ mile—Response won, Lunis 2, Liberty Bell 3. Time 50¼.

Second race, same distance—Tenor won, Oriental 2, Maud B 3. Time 49½.

Third race, 1 mile—Meckie H 1, Gen. Caldwell 2, Joe Walton 3. Time 1.46.

Fourth race, 1 mile—Nina Archer, Favorite, 1, Rogers 2, Robin 3. Time 1.45.

Fifth race, Blue Grass Stakes, ¾ mile—Tom Rogers 1, Philora 2, Rudolph 3. Time 1.17.

Sixth race, 9 furlongs—Catalpa 1, Hamlet 2, Eugenia 3. Time 1.57.

Seventh race, 1 1-16 miles—Mamie Fonso (favorite) 1, Hopeful 2, Nevec 3. Time 1.53.

Slaughtering Favorites at West Side.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Frist race, ½ mile—Genesee won, Callie 2, Ida Boeswing 3. Time .53¾.

Second race, 9 furlongs—Jed won, Warpeak favorite, even money, 2, Fred Fink 3. Time 2.04.

Third race, 6 furlongs, Imogene won, Ireland 2, Sena A. 3. Time 1.20.

Fourth race, 1 mile, Billy Pinkerton, favorite, won, Lady Lea 2, Labrador 3. Time 1.49.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Crab Cider won, Harambource 2, Good Day, favorite, 3. Time 1.19.

The Badminton Foal Plate.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The race for the Badminton foal plate of 1000 sovereigns at Leicester to-day was won by Mr. Douglass Baird's ch f Phyllida, Mr. Brodick-Coete's b f Cereza second, Mr. M. Gurry's b f Queen of the Farries third.

Gossip of the Turf.

English Lady cost as a yearling $310. Besides winning a number of valuable stakes for Scoggan Brothers she brought them $10,000 when sold recently to George Forbes, so that all around she proved a first-class investment.

George Forbes had $3000 on Arab on Satur' day. "I suppose I'll lose it," he said to Johnny Campbell, as the horses were at the post. "Every time I put down a good bet something goes wrong." And it did.—New York Press.

Arrangements have been made to have the grand stand at the South Jersey Jockey Club, at Gloucester, inclosed with a glass front and have it heated with steam. Races will be run all winter.

The Monmouth Park Association has decided to rebuild the grand stand, club house, betting ring, stables and sheds of the old course, which were destroyed by fire. The association estimates its loss at about $275,000 and holds policies for $240,000. The insurance companies offered to settle for about 40 cents on the dollar, probably being of the opinion that as the association had a new and larger course in full running order a cash settlement would be preferable. But Mr. Withers held out for the full amount of the policies, and upon the companies refusing to pay instructed them to replace the destroyed buildings as soon as possible. Mr. Withers' idea is to have two complete tracks so that in case anything should happen to the new course the association could race on the old one.

THE GOTHAM CRICKETERS.

Their First Venture in Toronto Proved a Defeat.

The Cosmopolitan Club of New York played their first match in Toronto yesterday afternoon and were beaten by 55 runs. Toronto went to bat first and closed their inning at 115. Wilson got 5 wickets for 20 runs, Goldingham 3 for 17 and Jones the other two. Winslow played a fine inning without the slightest chance, carrying his bat through. Stiles of the visitors was missed three times and was apparently caught at the wicket. The visitors' fielding was very good.

TORONTO.		COSMOPOLITAN.	
Winslow, not out	43	Foghill (capt.), b Wilson	1
Jones, c Reid, b Wood	0	Flannery, not out	5
Goldingham, c Flanagan, b Jackson	7	Stiles, c sub, b Jones	35
Fleury, b H.L. Walker	13	Jackson, b Wilson	0
Collins (capt.), c E. Walker, b H. L. Walker	13	Walker, c Alton, b Goldingham	5
Delafosse, b Jackson	10	Wood, b Wilson	4
Macdonell, b Jackson	4	Reid, c and b Goldingham	2
Alton, not out	10	Ainsworth, b Goldingham	0
Rose-Wilson, Kingsmill, Godwin, } to bat		Walker, b Wilson	0
		Munro, b Wilson	0
		Govey, b Jones	1
Extras	15	Extras	8
Total for 6 wkts	115	Total	60

East Toronto v. Campbellford.

The above clubs played off their return match yesterday on East Toronto ground, the home club winning by 53 runs on the first innings. Score:

EAST TORONTO. 1st innings.		2d innings.	
Chandler, c Sharpe, b Tait	3	not out	3
Penland, run out	4	b Tait	6
Gordon, run out	16	hit wkt, b Tait	1
Seymour, b Tait	9	b Stewart	36
Hoare, b Tait	0	c Mitchell, b Tait	1
Smith, J. B., c Sharpe, b Roberts	1	b Sharpe	0
Smith, E., run out	34	b Nancarrow	9
Smith, S. H., run out	6	b Sharpe	0
Scadding, low b Tait	0	b Stewart	7
Flynn, run out	0	b Roberts	0
Cameron, c Sharpe, b Tait	6	b Tait	10
Douglas, not out	0	b Tait	18
Extras	13	Extras	5
Total	92	Total	73

CAMPBELLFORD. 1st innings.		2d innings.	
Wilkinson, b Cameron	1	c Seymour, b Smith, E.	5
Nancarrow, b Smith, E.	4	c Smith, S. H., b Cameron	2
Tait, lbw, b Smith, E.	4	b Smith, E.	6
Platt, b Cameron	0	c Seymour, b Smith, E.	3
Bonnycastle, b Cameron	0	To bat.	
Sharpe, c Smith, E, b Cameron	3	not out	14
Ferris, G., b Smith, E.	2	b Cameron	0
Mitchell, b Flynn	10	c Scadding, b Cameron	0
Beatty, b Smith, E.	6	c Smith, S.H., b Smith E.	6
Stewart, not out	4	To bat.	
Ferris, M., run out	9	b Cameron	0
Roberts, b Cameron	0	To bat.	
Extras	2	Extras	1
Total	39	Total for 8 wkts.	37

To-Day's Cricket.

The Cosmopolitans play Rosedale to-day on the Rosedale grounds. The visitors request that the match commence at 10 a.m., instead of 11, as they leave Toronto this evening early. The representatives of the Rosedales are: H. C. Roderick, G. S. Lyon, J. F. Stokes, T. Montgomery, J. S. Bowbanks, T. Clement, J. E. Martin, G. W. King, J. H. Forester, W. Ledger, H. L. Howard and H. J. Maughan spare man.

Saturday's Lacrosse Match at Rosedale.

Report comes that the Montrealers are practising daily, and are in the very best of condition. They will be accompanied by a host of admirers, who will back the boys in grey heavily, but will hold out for slight odds. The sale of tickets for the match at H. P. Davies & Co. has been something surprising so far.

Some Rugby Notes.

Bob McCulloch, one of the Toronto's best and pluckiest forwards, returned yesterday from a trip to England looking a little fleshy. He will begin to reduce this morning.

Petrolia, Toronto Second, Hamilton Ontarios and Guelph Agricultural College are the entries for the Ontario Rugby Union junior championship. Upper Canada and Trinity College School could not be persuaded to come in.

The first practice of the Toronto Club takes place this morning starting at 8½. McCarthy, late of Ottawa College; Marquis, the Queen's giant; Smellie, the Kingston crack, and other new men are expected out. Capt. Edward Senkler and Field Captain Edward Bayly will also be on hand.

THE COMMERCE TOURNEY.

The Big Bank's Opening Day Was a Success—Tennis and Bowls.

Yesterday's opening of the Bank of Commerce Athletic Association tennis and bowling tournament proved a great success, all of the events being keenly contested. The following is the result of the games:

LAWN TENNIS—V. C. Brown beat D. M. Sanson, S. R. Forde beat B. G. Winans, G. H. Meldrum beat A. Bradley, J. Strachan beat H. D. Osborne, J. L. Buchan beat T. A. Chisholm.

LAWN BOWLS—F. W. Holmstead beat G. H. Meldrum, R. C. McHarrie beat D. M. Stewart, F. W. Hutchinson beat A. E. Hillyard.

The entries for to-day are as follows:

TENNIS—H. I. Minty v. H. F. Jones, H. W. Fitton v. A. W. Roberts, J. M. Hedley v. C. W. Montgomery, F. W. Hutchinson v. A. E. Hillyard, F. H. Douglas v. J. S. Cook.

BOWLS—J. Strachan v. H. W. Fitton, C. W. Montgomery v. R. L. Cowan, V. E. Hart v. L. J. Bull, A. W. Roberts v. R. S. Forde, H. F. Jones v. E. H. Bird, B. G. Winans v. H. D. Osborne.

The Wanderers' Team to Oppose Toronto's Cyclists, and Their Handicap.

Entries for the Wanderers' 30-mile handicap road race on Saturday afternoon next should be made early with the captain. After the race supper will be had at Mrs. Bate's.

Great interest is being taken in the 50-mile contest with the Toronto club on the 27th inst. The Wanderers' team will probably be picked from the following: Foster, Nicholls, Shaw, Hunter, Taylor, Darby, Hudson, Wilson, Brown, Nash, Doll, Harstone, Brimer, Simpson and Capt. Gerrie.

Miscellaneous Sporting.

John L. Sullivan avers that he loves the flicker of the footlights and will fight no more. He will endeavor to make a name for himself on the stage.

A. Fleet, the Hamilton club's pro., leaves for England to-day. Monday evening he was entertained and piped by the Albions, of which club he was an active member.

The Canadian Amateur Athletic Association Committee have postponed their deliberations on the Leroux lacrosse case until next week.

A challenge will shortly be issued from the Rambler Bicycle Club of Buffalo to the clubs in the Western part of the State for a 100-mile road race from Erie to Buffalo, to take place Oct. 5. It will be a six-man-team event and will undoubtedly be accepted by some of the clubs.

NOTES OF AMUSEMENTS.

Strauss and Other Notable Attractions for This Afternoon and Evening.

This afternoon at 2½ will be given the first performance of the great Strauss orchestra. Those wishing seats should secure them (at Nordheimer's) in advance to avoid the rush at the door. The prices for matinees are 50c., $1, $1.50, $2; evening, $1, $2, $3. The other concerts will be given this evening at 8 and to-morrow afternoon at 2½.

"Faust Up to Date" will be given at the Grand Opera House this afternoon and evening.

"The Prince and the Pauper" at the Academy of Music this afternoon and evening.

Margaret Mather, the clever and accomplished young actress, will be at the Academy of Music all next week in an extensive repertory of plays, in which she has won much fame. The sale of seats opens this morning.

The West Toronto Junction Council.

The council met on Monday. In accordance with the report of the engineer Pacific-avenue will be graded between Dundas-street and Humberside-avenue. D. S. McConkey will receive $30 per foot for his property in McMurray-avenue required for the extension of Tineavenue as recommended by the committee. The Keele-street syndicate, which claim nearly $33,000 damages to their property by the construction of the subway, were offered $3000. If this is not accepted the matter will go to arbitration. The city solicitor's opinion as to the liability of the railway companies in connection with the opening up of Keele-street, north of St. Clair-avenue, was referred to the Special Railway Committee.

The $30,000 factory bonus bylaw to aid certain factories will again be submitted to the ratepayers Oct. 14, the last election having been declared invalid. The electric light bylaw for $15,000 will be submitted on the same day.

The bylaw to license pedlars, milk vendors, billiard tables, etc., came up and was discussed clause by clause until 10 o'clock when the meeting adjourned. As far as they have gone these fees were fixed: Auctioneers, per annum, $25; hawkers and pedlars, one horse, $50; on foot, $25; transient traders, $75; milk vendors, $1; butchers, retail, $1; bagatelle tables, $25. The license of billiard tables provoked a long discussion, which was not finished at the hour of adjournment.

The Collegiate Institute Board.

Mr. William Houston occupied the chair and these gentlemen were also present at the meeting of the Collegiate Institute Board last night: E. T. Malone, W. C. Beddome, G. Boxall, W. H. Parr, H. Sutherland, J. J. Bennett, R. L. Patterson, William Roaf, A. H. Gilbert, W. S. Lee, Dr. McMahon, T. C. Irving.

A recommendation from the Public School Board that this board increase the number of scholarships to the children of the public school was referred to a committee.

The report of the Property Committee was adopted. One hundred new desks will be purchased, the furnaces in the Jarvis-street and Parkdale schools re-examined and 20 new desks supplied to the Jamieson-avenue school.

Knox & Elliott, architects of the new school at Euclid-avenue and Harbord-street, were requested to call for tenders at once for its erection.

Trustee R. L. Patterson gave notice that he would move to write the grand master of the Masonic order to lay the cornerstone of the new building.

The architects will be instructed to advertise for tenders for heating and ventilating the new school buildings.

Says He Was Robbed in the Place.

Tilly Fulton's place at 11 St. Patrick's-square was visited by Inspector Ward last night. Tilly was arrested as keeper, Annie Fisher, Maud Brown, Elizabeth Wilkinson and Kate Elwick as inmates, and Pat Kelly and John Eldridge as frequenters. Eldridge alleges that he was robbed of $65 in the house.

Sarah Colquhoun, 114 Munro-street, was arrested last night as keeper of a disorderly house at the above address. Martin Holmes and Mary Jane Holmes are held as inmates and John Graham as frequenter.

Among the pains and aches cured with marvelous rapidity by Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, is earache. The young are specially subject to it, and the desirability of this Oil as a family remedy is enhanced by the fact that it is admirably adapted not only to the above ailment, but also to the hurts, disorders of the bowels, and affections of the throat, to which the young are especially subject.

QUEBEC AND LAKE ST. JOHN.

SEVERAL NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ROAD.

The Ouananiche Fishing—Who Will Settle the Country Towards Temiscaming—It Will Be a Desirable Country for Tourists to Visit.

The country opened up during the past year by the Quebec & Lake St. John Railroad is being rapidly settled by French-Canadians, and all around the lake are springing up neat little frame houses in place of the antique log huts covered with birch bark and thatched over with hay and straw which formerly were the habitation of most of the settlers in that vicinity.

The Hotel Roberval has been in full blast all summer and guests from all parts of Canada and the United States have tasted the pleasures of Ouananiche fishing at the Grand Decharge. In fact so large has been the influx of visitors that it is proposed to erect another house at the discharge into the Saguenay which will give ample accommodation for another hundred guests. The fishing has been good and several parties have been up the larger rivers trying their hand at portaging and running rapids. The sport on the Metabetchouan has been exceptionally good, and on the upper part of the river, which is leased by two American clubs, the speckled trout fishing has been simply grand.

So great has been the traffic on the road that the company intend pushing through the eastern extension from Chamboord to Chicoutimi, so that a round trip may be taken from Quebec to the Saguenay, up the Saguenay to Chicoutimi, across to Lake St. John and back to Quebec, forming a journey that must be taken to be appreciated. This year a great many have made the round trip in a novel way by going from Quebec to Lake St. John, then crossing the lake to the Grand Decharge and running the rapids down the Saguenay to Chicoutimi. Once the road to Chicoutimi is complete no finer trip can be imagined than the round trip from Quebec. The only difficulty appears to be the bridges which have to be built, owing to the mountainous character of the country between Chamboord Junction and Chicoutimi, and the company will have to be well subsidized by the local government in order to carry out their proposed extension.

A more important extension, however, is the one which they propose building from Riviere-a-Pierre, a station about 50 miles from Quebec, across the unsettled country about the Upper St. Maurice, past the Upper Gatineau and on to Lake Temiscaming. A former scheme was to extend the road North and east, but the present one of running one west is much more feasible and more likely to be carried out.

The distance from Riviere-a-Pierre to Temiscaming is nearly 400 miles and the country is filled with good timber and land. At present the Gatineau Valley road is being pushed through by Mr. Beemer, and once this road goes far enough north it is proposed by the Lake St. John people to complete the extension to the Gatineau road and then for both to push on to Temiscaming.

It is hoped in this way that Quebec may get some of the trade which naturally gravitates to Ottawa and Montreal, and if the Lake St. John people have the energy and the capital to extend their road west there is no doubt that the vast territory about the St. Maurice, Gatineau and Ottawa would be rapidly filled by French-Canadians. Without the new road a run from Toronto to James Bay will tap the district about Temiscaming before the Gatineau and Lake St. John roads reaches to be seen. Some there are who assert that there is nothing but timber in the country about Temiscaming, and that the soil is very poor, but then it must be remembered that what would be poor land to an Englishman is rich land for a French-Canadian, who will live and rear a family of ten or twenty where an Ontario farmer would starve.

Whether the country is opened up by the Toronto and James Bay or by the Lake St. John and Gatineau; it is certain that the French-Canadian is to be the future occupant of the country; he is a natural voyageur, is more at home in a forest than in a clearing, and will hew out of a bush with nothing but an axe a home for himself and a numerous family. It will be better to have him in such a country than to have nothing but bears and beavers, and if Ontario will only look after the timber and mineral wealth, and let Quebec settle the country with habitants, no harm will be done, and both will be helping on the good work of consolidating the Dominion of Canada. L.

MAYOR GEORGE J. ST. LEGER.

The Record of the Man Who is Being Pursued by Enemies.

Editor World: About a year ago Mr. George J St. Leger, a retired merchant and ex-alderman of Toronto, removed to his new and beautiful home in Bloor-street, West Toronto Junction, with the object of enjoying for a time at least a well-earned rest from business and public life. Later on Mr. D. W. Clendenan, the then mayor of the town, signified his intention of retiring from municipal life at the end of his term in order to enter the race for parliamentary honors and the citizens began to look about them for a suitable man to occupy the honorable and responsible position, and the name of Mr. St. Leger figured prominently among the list of probable candidates. Shortly after others withdrew and the subject of this letter was elected mayor for 1890 by acclamation.

From the day he was installed into office to the present he has left no stone unturned to advance the general interests of the town. No sacrifice of time or money (private funds) seems too much where duty leads the way. The knowledge acquired by him while a member of the city council, judiciously applied, helped the town council over more than one rough place during the months already passed. With due regard to economy he has always advocated a progressive policy, believing that if t e town would keep up its enviable reputation for enterprise and thrift it must keep abreast of the times in everything that is necessary for the well-being and convenience of its inhabitants. The work of arranging for the removal of the C.P.R. shops here was taken up where the old council left off, and in due course settled, with the result that today the work on the subway is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and the C.P.R. have commenced the erection of their shops.

The next great question to command his attention was that of sewerage, and for months past he has used every means to gather information affecting this important work on which the future welfare of the town so much depends. In this case his city experience has kept him from blindly rushing into any scheme without the closest scrutiny. The necessary delay has caused slight dissatisfaction in some quarters, but on the whole the citizens cannot but approve of the careful policy pursued. Of course in all this he has been ably supported by his colleagues, and the fact that the majority of the council stand by His Worship is evidence that on the whole his carefully thought out suggestions and rulings have met with approval. In the face of this the developments of the last few days are somewhat surprising. Because the Mayor in his capacity of chief magistrate has seen fit to personally superintend the impounding of a few cattle running at large contrary to bylaw, and also participated in the midnight raiding of a couple of disreputable horses in order to see that the staff under his orders did their duty, a certain clique have decided that he has lowered the dignity of his high office and thereby brought disredit on the town, and your correspondent is informed on the most reliable authority that a petition is actually being circulated for signatures requesting His Worship to resign, all because, in the estimation of some, he has offended the proprieties by taking an active part in the suppression of evil and the enforcement of the town bylaws.

I do not claim that all his acts are above criticism. More than this, while I agree with him in many ways and admire the stand he has taken in certain cases, I do not approve of all his actions by any means. I believe that he, like the rest of frail humanity, makes mistakes, in fact I have a keen recollection of several, but I further believe that said mistakes have been of the head and not of the heart. That he is honest and fearless in the advocacy of what he believes to be right all fair-minded citizens who have watched him must admit.

As the attributes above mentioned, coupled with experience in municipal affairs, keen foresight, economy and good executive ability are those most desirable in the man who to a large extent holds the destiny of the town in his hands, and as there is no evidence to prove that His Worship is not endowed with those faculties, I am at a loss to understand why any clique claiming to have the interests of the town at heart should move so rashly as the parties referred to are doing, especially when they have failed to make one specific charge worthy of the notice of thoughtful men.

Their hasty action is already rebounding on their own heads and is having the effect of making the persecuted Mayor a martyr, even in the eyes of many who in the past have not supported him, and I will be very much surprised if within the next few weeks the number of Mayor St. Leger's friends is not largely augmented and his chances for re-election in January largely increased if after this shabby recognition of his services honestly and efficiently rendered he condescends to offer himself as a candidate.

Thanking you for the space placed at my disposal I remain,

FAIR PLAY.

West Toronto Junction, Sept. 15.

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

A Missing Heir—Supposed to Have Perished in the Slavery Rebellion.

HAMILTON, Sept. 16.—Lawyers are sometimes called upon to listen to a statement of facts that resemble fiction. W. F. Walker, Q.C., lately petitioned the Surrogate Court here for letters of administration upon the estate of William Seymour, who from his long absence is presumed to be dead. It appears from the statement filed that in 1839 a Joseph Fowlks, known otherwise as Joseph Seymour of the 30th Regiment, shortly afterwards stationed with his regiment in Toronto, died leaving a will dividing his property among his three children, then mere lads.

One son, James Seymour, became the publisher of The St. Catharines Constitutional and before his death was appointed to the Inland Revenue office in St. Catharines, and was known throughout the province as a prominent Freemason. Another son is Joseph Seymour, now publisher of The News, Hagersville, but the third son, William, was placed in the care of a Mrs. Joyce of Toronto, now of Bronte (when about 8 years of age), at the time of his father's death. He was afterwards adopted by a farmer named Archibald of Bolton township, with whom he lived until about 20 years old.

About that time the American civil war broke out, and as there were agents throughout Ontario inducing young men to enlist in the northern army it is supposed that William enlisted. At all events he suddenly disappeared from Mr. Archibald's care and he has never been heard of since, although, as documents filed show, for years his brothers made every enquiry for him. The fund to which William or his representatives are entitled has been accumulating for about 50 years in England and now amounts to a considerable sum.

On these facts Mr. Walker asked the court to presume that William was dead, and that letters of administration should be granted in favor of Joseph Seymour and his application was granted. Mr. Walker expects, on the grant here, to receive the fund from England, which will be divided equally between Joseph Seymour of Hagersville and Mrs. Seymour, widow of the late James Seymour, St. Catharines.

HAMILTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Earl of Aberdeen Formally Opens the Institution.

HAMILTON, Sept. 16.—The Hamilton Public Library, in which is located also the Hamilton Art School and the Hamilton Association, was opened to-day with appropriate ceremony. Among the visitors present were Hon. G. W. Ross, Sir Daniel Wilson, Dr. May, James Bain, librarian of the Toronto Library, A. R. Boswell, E. P. Pearson and John Hallam of Toronto, and James Innis, M.P., of the Guelph Library Board. The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen were present, and Lord Aberdeen in a very neat and appropriate speech announced the library open. Addresses were also delivered by Sir Daniel Wilson, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Mayor Macfarlane and others.

Topics for the Farmers' Institutes.

The executive of the Central Farmers' Institute met at the Walker House yesterday. Vice-President T. Lloyd Jones of Burford in the chair. There were also present A. H. Pettit, Grimsby; Henry Brown, Chesley; James McEwan, Drayton; M. Pettit, Winona; J. B. Ewing, Dartford; Daniel Black, Iona Station; G. E. Mowbray, Oshawa; D. M. McPherson, Lancaster. Professor Thomas Shaw of the Guelph Experimental Farm suggested that field experiments might be made more useful to farmers than the experiments at Guelph College, which were valuable only to a limited section owing to the varied nature of soils in different sections of the province. In fact the field experiments at Guelph only showed whether or not a grain was favorable to that section of the province. He suggested that the Government obtain ten acres in three or four sections of the province where field experiments could be carried on under the direction of the officers of the province.

These subjects were placed on the order paper for discussion;

Would it not be to the interest of the farmer for the Dominion Government to take the necessary steps to have a commission appointed with power to regulate railway rates?

What are the best means to adopt for the extension of the sheep-breeding industry?

What is the best plan for extending the experimental operations beyond the limits of the Guelph farm?

That President Avray confer with President Mills of Guelph College respecting speakers at farmers' institutes.

A Reception to Mr. and Mrs. Bates.

A reception and welcome was tendered last night to the pastor of the College-street Baptist Church, Rev. S. D. Bates, and wife, by the congregation of the church on their return from a two months' trip to Europe. Tea was served in the school room from 6½ to 8 p.m., after which an adjournment was made to the body of the church, where with Mr. Thomas McGillicudy in the chair an interesting program was presented, the most interesting portion of which was the presentation of addresses on behalf respectively of the Young Men's Bible Class, the Sabbath school, the Young Ladies' Mission Band and the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Bates appropriately replied. Among those present were Revs. Mr. Gilmo of the Jarvis-street Baptist Church; James Grant, Parliament-street Baptist Church; Rev. J. P. McEwan, secretary of the Home Mission Society, and Mrs. A. V. Timpany, a returned missionary to India. The entertainment was most successful, and will not soon be forgotten by either pastor or people.

Prof. Saunders on the Northwest Crop.

Professor Saunders, who is now in the city in company with Hon. John Carling, has just made an official tour through Manitoba and the Northwest. Besides visiting the farms along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Professor Saunders went into Southern Manitoba and visited the wheat fields between Manitou and Brandon. He believes the crop in that part will be about 20 bushels to the acre, but north and south of Brandon and in the Portage district it is much heavier, averaging from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre.

"So far as I have been able to ascertain," said Prof. Saunders, "the injury from frost, if any, has been very light. In the Northwest the greener wheat fields have been injured, and it is said that some frost has occurred in the northern part of Manitoba, but I cannot speak positively as to this district, not having visited that section of the province." He believes, however, that the yield of grain will be very large, and with the good weather a large portion of it will grade well.

The Gaelic Society's Reception.

The annual reception and concert of the Gaelic Society, held last night in Victoria Hall, was characterized by the success which usually attends all similar efforts of this active organization. Sheriff Mackellar of Hamilton, besides occupying the chair, delivered an address in Gaelic. There were also on the platform: John McPherson, past president of the society; Hugh Miller, Col. McPherson and Mr. Campbell. That the program was rendered with acceptance may be surmised from the names of those who contributed, among whom may be mentioned Pipers Munro and Smith and dancers R. Harrison, William Johnston and George Murray, and Miss Mortimer, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Taylor, Miss Mortimer, Miss Jessie Alexander, Donald McDonald, Donald Carmichael.

There was a large number of fair visitors present, in whose honor the reception was held.

Cod Liver Oil.

This valuable medicine for weak lungs and debility is frequently rendered unavailable by its strong odor and taste. Caswell, Massey & Co's. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with pepsin and quinine, entirely overcomes these objections. See letters from leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal, and all druggists. ed

Rev. J. B. Huff, Florence, writes: "I have great pleasure in testifying to the good effects which I have experienced from the use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery for Dyspepsia. For several years nearly all kinds of foods fermented on my stomach, so that after eating I had very distressing sensations, but from the time I commenced the use of the Vegetable Discovery I obtained relief."

DRYDEN-HARCOURT-BRONSON.

Swearing In the New Members of the Ontario Cabinet.

Premier and Attorney-General—Hon. Oliver Mowat (North Oxford).

Commissioner of Crown Lands—Hon. A. S. Hardy (South Brant).

Provincial Secretary—Hon. J. M. Gibson (no seat).

Commissioner of Public Works—Hon. C. F. Fraser (Brockville).

Minister of Education—Hon. G. W. Ross (West Middlesex).

Provincial Treasurer—Hon. Richard Harcourt (Monck).

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. John Dryden (South Ontario).

Minister without portfolio—Hon. E. H. Bronson (Ottawa).

This is Mr. Mowat's cabinet as it now stands. The three new ministers took the oath of office yesterday morning in the premises of the Premier. Sir Alexander Campbell administered the oath. After