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Easy Credit the Curse of Canada.

The grand trouble to-day in Canadian business circles is over-competition. Combination may be an evil from which consumers suffer to a slight degree; but over-competition is the disease that is so hard on the business community. It keeps most of the business men in debt, it reduces profits, it augments expenses; in the end it must come back on the consumer.

You will say "Oh, but over-competition soon cures itself." But it does not. It seems to be getting worse.

In every line of business it is overdone. There are too many men or firms in each line and what is still more deplorable new men are constantly rushing into the same line. We have too many banks, too many wholesale houses, too many retail stores, too many lines of railway and not enough traffic for them, too many boats and vessels, too many churches and colleges, too many professional men, too many newspapers, too many real estate brokers, too many breweries, *but a great lack of men who are anxious to do business on their account without credit.*

Easy credit is the curse of Canadian business. Everyone seems able to obtain it.

Let us look first at our capitalists—those who furnish our banks with their stock. A great deal of the capital of our banks comes from trustees who have money to look after and who do not care to be "bothered with it." They put it into bank stocks; the result is that millions of bank stock have been wiped out since Confederation, primarily by the carelessness of managers, secondarily through the neglect of the stockholders to watch their investment closely, and to keep an eye on those entrusted with the administration of their funds. There is an immense amount of looseness in this direction—in a word, the stockholders as capitalists give too easy credit to the managements of banks.

European houses, especially British houses, seem ready to give unlimited credit to Canadian importers and on any time they ask. The result is that men with less than $50,000 capital are endeavoring to do nearly a million dollars worth of business in a year. The result is that there are ten importers doing the business that five could do with a fair profit and keep on in business. These mushroom houses are always springing up, always tumbling down, making it harder and harder for the older houses, the houses with a capital commensurate with their business, to keep their heads above water, let alone make a profit. Go over the list of our importing houses. See how many are in business to-day who were in business 10 years ago! How many of those here to-day would you wager would be in business ten years hence! Not many. How they've been coming tumbling down of late!

Next take the way these same inflated concerns in their turn give indiscriminate credit. Think of a house that closed lately wiping out over three hundred thousand dollars of bad debts in less than two years! They give big credits and long credits to men who haven't a thousand dollars clear to their names. The result is that the retail trade is cursed with over competition.

And there are the banks, those institutions which get such easy credit from the capitalists. They give credit oh so easily, so largely, so freely as to time, to importers, and to the customers of importers, to wholesalers and retailers. Why is it than millions of bank capital have been wiped out in the last twenty-two years? Simply because the bank managers lavished it on men in business who could never pay it back, who were superfluous in business and a drag on the wheels of commerce.

And lastly the retailer. He dispenses credit with a lavish hand. The assignee in due time winds him up. But he "renews his line," blossoms out again, and repeats the story of his late experience.

What then appears to be the root of all this evil? Too easy credit, primarily on the part of the capitalists who put their money into bank stock and bank deposits, and of British wholesale houses who give indiscriminate credit to Canadian importers. If these two are such fools as to give credit to those seeking it depend upon it the crop of failures will never be a light one, nor an irregular one. It will be reaped as regularly as the seasons, as the fourths of the months come round.

Our banks are too large. The men who control them have not enough stake in them. The men who find the money are not sufficiently cautious.

Our system of giving credit is loose and reckless, is demoralizing, and in the end injurious to everyone in the country. Our credit, both that given to us and by us, is altogether too long.

The country is all right, but our capital is foolishly handled and the credit we give recklessly bestowed. Result, fools rush into business, get credit, give credit, burst! Resume, burst!

Isn't it time the folly ceased? Can't we learn from our neighbors. *There are not many people failing either from keeping their money or their goods; but there are a great many going down to destruction by reckless distribution of both.*

Clarke Wallace for a Portfolio.

Clarke Wallace, who has always been a favorite of the Old Man, is coming to the front as a likely successor of the late Thomas White in the Cabinet. He has lots of energy, is a ready speaker, and is a good worker. He has a solid section at his back.

Bargains in Jerseys.

—The stock of new ladies' Jerseys consigned to the bankrupt wholesale firm of McMaster & Co., has been purchased at 45 cents on the dollar by A. Kloepfer & Co. This enables them to offer these jerseys and knitting yarns at half the regular prices. The ladies should call at once. x

KICKED HIS MISTRESS TO DEATH.

"Tom" Buckley Probably Adds Murder to His Long List of Crimes.

Ever since "Tom" Buckley was old enough to earn a ruffian, he has been one of the most finished description. Yesterday morning he, it is alleged, kicked to death the woman who lived with him as his mistress. Her name was Bertha Robinson, she was 20 years of age, and she had been living with Buckley in a shanty in Victoria-lane for some time. Victoria-lane runs from Queen to Gerrard streets, between Victoria and George.

The World last night talked to Mrs. Cryer, an eye-witness of the murder, just after she had been released on bond from Agnes-street Station, where she had been held as a material witness. Mrs. Cryer said:

I had gone down to Buckley's house about 9.30 to get some washing which I had promised to do for them. When I got inside the house Bertie said she would go up-stairs and get the clothes. She had been drinking whisky, but not much. As she started up-stairs Buckley followed her and said to her: "Are you going to give me that?" I don't know what he meant. Bertie said: "Yes, Tom, as soon as I can." He then kicked her on the thigh, knocking her down. As she fell on the ground he kicked her head with his foot. It made a horrible crushing sound. I shouted for help and said, "You shouldn't treat her that way." He made a rush at me, but I told him to look at her. She was all over blood. Taking her in his arms he carried her up-stairs and laid her on a bed. As I round afterwards, he couldn't have been up-stairs five minutes, when he came down again. I went up and found that he had stripped her. She was all over bruises and her face was very black. I picked up her hand and I saw that she was dead. Then I left the house and Buckley came down the lane, too. I went and told the policeman and he arrested Tom.

Mrs. Cryer says she thinks the reason the murder was committed was that Bertie wanted Buckley to give her some money to get some furniture for the shanty, and he objected. A week ago Bertie asked her where she could get furniture cheap, and she recommended her to go to a Yonge-street shop.

Dr. E. E. King of Bond and Queen streets was called in and examined the body. He discovered that there were several contusions on the back of the head, and on the neck there was a partially healed gash where Buckley had kicked her a few days ago. Coroner Powell was notified and he last night decided to hold an inquest at the City Morgue at 8 this morning.

A child named Annie Dunn, who lives in the house adjoining, says she heard a row in Buckley's house, but as they were of frequent occurrence she paid little attention.

Another witness was Sophia Palmer, who is yet in the Agnes-street station. She met Mrs. Cryer as she was coming out of the house, and after the latter had gone down to call the police Dunn went up and found Bertha lifeless on the bed.

Officer Miles, who arrested Buckley in Queen-street just after the murder, took him to Agnes-street Station. He says he was perfectly sober. On the way he said: "They can't scare a man because his girl falls down-stairs." Last night Buckley was taken to the jail.

The dead is known here as Bertha Usher. She was born in Brantford and had knocked around considerably. The police knew her well. Yesterday morning she paid Police Court Clerk Meyerley the last $3 of a $20 fine imposed on Buckley some time ago for trespass.

The World last night called at the shanty in Victoria-lane, but found it locked up. From the outside it is a dismal-looking hovel.

The Agnes-street police book shows that Bertha Usher was arrested March 17 last for being drunk and disorderly. On that occasion she sent for Buckley to bail her out, but he didn't appear.

The body of the dead woman now lies in the City Morgue awaiting the action of the coroner and his jury.

"Tom" Buckley has a Police Court record that stands almost without a rival in Toronto. His life has been one of continual law-breaking and ruffianism. He has now probably added murder to his long list of crimes. His father was an old soldier who formerly lived in Church-street.

$500 Reward.

—The former proprietor of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, for years made a startling public offer in all American newspapers of a reward for a case of catarrh that he could not cure. The present proprietors have renewed this offer. All the druggists sell this remedy, together with the "Douche," and all other appliances adapted to be used in connection with it. No patient is longer able to say "I cannot be cured." You get $500 in case of failure. 26

BOARD OF TRADE TOPICS.

Considering the Esplanade Agreement by a Committee—The New Building.

The special committee appointed by the Board of Trade on Thursday to consider the terms of agreement between the city and the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway Companies as to the Esplanade met yesterday afternoon. There were present: D. R. Wilkie, in the chair, Wm. Ince, J. J. Withrow, Geo. A. Chapman, E. N. Baird, R. W. Elliot, Robt. Jaffray, Wm. Davies, Jr., Elias Rogers and A. B. Lee. The whole matter was fully discussed, after which this resolution, offered by J. J. Withrow and A. B. Lee, was adopted unanimously:

That in the opinion of this committee the proposed agreement between the city of Toronto and the railway companies requires careful and intelligent examination, that serious defects in it have already been discovered, that satisfactory explanations of certain conditions have not yet been obtained and that in view of the intention to make the agreement a final settlement of all explainable difficulties and contentions, this committee is further of opinion that the agreement should not be approved of by the city until it has received exhaustive consideration in the interests of all concerned, and that the Mayor be requested to afford to the committee an opportunity to discuss the whole matter with a committee of the City Council.

The advisability of building a viaduct was considered, and Mr. Findlay, the acting secretary of the board, was instructed to procure information as to the cost of elevated railways in different places.

The New Building.

A meeting of the Building Committee of the Board of Trade was held last night. There were present: J. T. Davidson in the chair, W. D. Matthews, W. Ince, H. V. Baird, S. F. McKinnon and H. W. Darling. The information from the Architects' Guild of Toronto, consisting of Messrs. Curry, Strickland and Burke, was introduced. The proposed conditions of competitive plans were fully explained. Final decision will be given this week.

Methodist Sunday School Teachers.

Ald. J. B. Boustead presided at the semi-annual convention of the Methodist Sunday School Teachers' Association in the Spadina-avenue church last night. About 150 teachers, representing nearly all the schools of the city and suburbs, were present.

It was decided to hold the annual "outing" at Niagara at a date yet to be fixed.

Ald. Gilbert read a short paper on "The Catechism, and How to Teach It." He urged the systematic teaching of the catechism as of great importance in that it would be the best means of training the rising generation in the doctrines of Methodism. A brief discussion ensued, each speaker being limited to three minutes. With almost one accord the speakers stated that the teaching of the catechism was not carried on in the schools. This omission is, however, to be rectified next year.

Mr. J. L. Hughes, Public School Inspector, gave a practical address on "Discipline and How to Enforce it."

Troubles of the Trades.

There are still two or three of the employing painters holding out against the agreement, but virtually the dispute is ended. The committee last night decided to summon a special meeting to deal with firms still holding out.

Several of the labor organizations whose meetings were fixed for last night met and adjourned as a mark of their respect for the memory of Archbishop Lynch.

The plasterers' laborers met in Dufferin Hall last night and discussed several important matters. They are to have a special meeting on an early date to decide as to their action on expiry of the present agreement in June.

Personal Mention.

Prof. Huxley has been ordered to Switzerland by his physician.

Lord Stanley of Preston leaves England on June 4 for the Dominion.

Rubinstein has accepted an offer for an American tour, and will receive $20,000 and his expenses for fifty concerts.

The Duke of Marlborough is now in New York coming to Canada for a short visit.

Canon Liddon's sermon at St. Paul's on April 29 took 55 minutes.

As the situation stands now, Coquelin will not return to the French Theatre.

Lord Rosebery leads the movement for introducing fast trotting horses into the realm of English sport.

Mgr. Persico, the Papal legate to Ireland, was once acting parish priest at Sillery, in the Province of Quebec, Canada.

The ex-Empress Eugene will again be the Queen's guest at Osborne this summer.

Mr. Vanderbilt wore a court dress and sword at the Queen's drawing-room at which his wife was presented. The Court Chamberlain rigidly enforces the rule that no married American or other foreign lady shall be presented unless she be accompanied by her husband.

Prince Victor of Wales, so the story goes, rebuked his mother, Prince George, for being too indiscriminate in dancing with the girls he met at a party. George replied, "I'll dance with whom I like. If you don't like it, go and sing 'God Save Your Grandmother' in a corner by yourself."

BEATEN BY THE LONDONS.

THE TORONTOS PLAY A POOR GAME AND ARE EASILY DEFEATED.

Championship Games Yesterday—Woodbine Training Notes—Probable Starters for the Brooklyn Handicap—Racing in England.

A more disagreeable day for ball playing could not have been given the lovers of the game then yesterday. It was cold and raw, and the 200 spectators who were present were kept busy moving about to keep warm. The game was not a very creditable one to the home team, who received an unmerciful beating at the hands of the Tecumsehs, who came near whitewashing the champions.

The defeat, which many might think was due to Lally, was not, but to the infield, though Lally certainly did not pitch a very good game. He is too slow in his delivery and does not seem to have control of the ball, though his stick work was good. McLaughlin is certainly not at home playing shortstop, and is very wild in his throwing. While Lally was batted freely at times, Husted also was hit hard, but the Londoners were more fortunate in hitting safe, while no matter where the Torontos drove the sphere there was always a Tecumseh waiting to receive it.

In the first inning Dickerson scored the first run for the visitors on Kearns' wild throw, and again in the second by Shiebeck, who got his base on balls, stole second base and came home on Husted's safe hit to centrefield. In the third inning they got another man across the plate by Dickerson, who made a three-bagger and got home on Decker's wild throw. Corcoran's two-bagger in the fifth and McLaughlin's wild throw brought him home. The sixth innings was marked by safe hitting by the Tecumsehs and bad playing of the Torontos' infield, which allowed the visitors to add four more runs to their score. They again scored in the seventh by Howe, in the ninth the Torontos scored their only run by Connors' single and Lally's safe hit to centrefield, bringing Connors home.

A brilliant play was made by Donovan in the seventh innings when he caught Lally out on a fly, capturing the ball with his left hand. Burke and Greer also did great work, while Decker became discouraged by the team's bad play. Score:

TORONTO.	R	B	P.O.	A	E	LONDON.	R	B	P.O.	A	E
Burke, c.f.	0	0	1	0	0	Dicke'son, 2b	2	2	2	2	0
Connors, r.f.	0	0	1	0	0	Donovan, c.f.	1	2	2	0	0
Hickey, 3b.	0	0	0	2	0	Corcoran, 1f	1	2	1	0	0
Decker, c.	0	1	2	0	1	Crowley, r.f.	0	1	0	0	0
Hartlett, 1b.	0	0	9	0	0	Kay, 3b.	0	1	1	1	0
Lally, p.	0	0	3	2	1	Bemer, 1b.	0	0	9	0	0
Greer, s.s.	0	0	1	3	0	Shiebeck, 2b.	1	1	1	2	0
Kearns, 2b.	0	0	2	1	0	Hunter, c.	0	0	4	0	0
Kearns, 2b.	0	0	8	2	2	Husted, p.	0	0	0	3	0
						Bishop, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	5	26	13	4	Total	9	11	27	8	0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
London	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	9

Earned runs—Toronto 1, London 1. Two-base Hits—Corcoran, Howe. Three-base Hits—Donovan, Bemer. Passed Balls—Hunter 3. Double Plays—McLaughlin to Hartnett to Hickey. Bases on Balls—Shiebeck, Connors, Hickey, Crowley, Donovan, Kay, Bemer. Wild Pitches—Lally 2. Time of Game—1.50. Umpire—Mr. Sullivan.

Other International Association Games.

At Buffalo:									R.	H.	E.
Buffalo	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—3	7	2
Hamilton	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0—5	11	4

Batteries: Fanning and Heidy; Wood and Visner. Umpire: Hillside.

At Rochester:									R.	H.	E.
Rochester	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2—10	9	4
Troy	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4—10	9	5

Batteries: Callihan and Toy; Searing and Healy. Umpire: Hoover.

At Syracuse: Syracuse-Albany postponed on account of rain.

American Association Games.

At Cleveland:									R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3—7	7	3
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—8	4	2

Called on account of rain.

Batteries: Crowell and Snyder; Carruthers and Dailey. Umpire—Ferguson.

At St. Louis:									R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0—6	7	1
Kansas City	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1	6	1

Batteries: King and Boyle; Fagan and Brody. Umpire—Gaffney.

At Philadelphia:									R.	H.	E.
Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0	4	1
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0	0	0

Called on account of rain.

Batteries: Seward and Robinson; Kinoy and Fulmer. Umpire—Gaffney.

National League Games.

At Chicago:									R.	H.	E.
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—2	8	7
Chicago	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0—2	7	1

Batteries: Welch and O'Rourke; Krock and Flint. Umpire: Lynch.

At Pittsburg:									R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—2	9	2
Boston	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1—4	7	5

Batteries: Henderson and Fields; Sanders and O'Rourke. Umpire: Valentine.

At Indianapolis:									R.	H.	E.
Indianapolis	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4—7	10	5
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—1	8	5

Batteries: Healy and Myers; O'Day and Deasley. Umpire: Decker.

At Detroit: Detroit-Philadelphia game called on account of inclement weather.

Among the Amateurs.

Mathews Bros. defeated Ewing & Co's. on Saturday afternoon at Exhibition Park by a score of 18 to 12. Batteries: Harris and McMerrie; Spare and Alexander.

The Y.M.C.A. club will practice this evening at 6.15 on the grounds at the head of George-st. All members are requested to be on hand.

MACBETH WINS THE KY. DERBY.

The Great Race Run on a Disagreeable Day—The Favorite Finishes Second.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 14.—Kentucky never had a more disagreeable day for a great racing event than to-day. Heavy black clouds hung over head, and a chilling western wind prevailed all day, diminishing the Kentuckian ardor for his favorite sport somewhat but not the attendance. The results follow:

FIRST RACE—Purse $400. 5 furlongs.—Madstone, 105, (Walker), won; Pontoon, 105, (Fishburn), 2d; Liberty, 105, (McCarthy), 3d. Time 1.02¾.

SECOND RACE—Purse $400. 1 1-16 miles—Tecumseh Costa, 118 (Hamilton), won; Barnstable, 102 (Barnes), 2d; Jacobin, 115 (Covington), 3rd. Time 1.50.

THE KENTUCKY DERBY.

For 3-year-olds; $50 each, with $500 added, of which $600 to the 2d, $300 to the 3d. 1½ miles.

Chicago Stables' b.g. Macbeth II, by Macduff— Agnes, 118	(Covington)	1	
Melbourne Stables' ch.c. Gallifet, 118	(McCarthy)	2	
W. O. Scully's ch.c. White, 118	(Withers)	3	
Melbourne Stable's ch.c. Alexander, 118	(Jones)	0	
D. Gibson's b.c. Autocrat, 118	(Hamilton)	0	
G. M. Rye's b.c. Col. Zeb Ward, 118	(Blaylock)	0	
J. T. Clay's ch.c. The Chevalier, 118	(Lewis)	0	

Time—2.38¼.

Pools: Gallifet and Alexandria, couples, $150; The Chevalier, $70; White, $30; Macbeth, $27; Col. Zeb Ward, $20; Autocrat, $18.

The Race.—After one false start The Chevalier got off in front, the others well up. Coming into the stretch out of the chute Col. Zeb Ward led by two lengths, Alexandria second, The Chevalier third, Macbeth fourth, Gallifet fifth and Autocrat sixth. Passing the stand, Alexandria was in the lead, Gallifet second, The Chevalier third, and the rest bunched. On the back stretch, Zeb Ward dropped back, Gallifet setting the pace led by two lengths, followed by Macbeth, The Chevalier, White, Autocrat and Alexandria in the order named. Rounding into the stretch Macbeth moved up and took the lead, McCarthy, on Gallifet, was second and riding hard, while third, the rest straggling out. Macbeth came in retained his lead to the finish, winning by a length, Gallifet being second, a length in front of White, the others three lengths away.

FOURTH RACE—¾-mile heats—First heat Persimons (Barnes) won, Lela May (Covington) second, Lida L. (Hallis) third. Time 1.15¼. Second heat—Persimons won, Lela May second, Lida L. third. Time 1.16.

Province of Quebec Turf Club Program.

MONTREAL, May 14.—At a meeting of the Province of Quebec Turf Club at the St. Lawrence Hall this afternoon arrangements were made for the summer meeting on June 7 and 9. The program is as follows:

FIRST DAY.

FIRST RACE—Trial Purse $175, of which $50 to 2d. ¾ mile.

SECOND RACE—Queen's Plate, 50 Guineas; for horses foaled, raised and trained in the Province of Quebec, and that have not previously won public money. Entrance $10, to go with the Plate to the 1st horse; 2d horse to receive $25 from the club. 1½ miles.

THIRD RACE—Club Purse, $200, of which $50 to 2d. Weight for age; winner once this year to carry 4 lbs. twice, or over 5 lbs. extra. 1¼ miles.

FOURTH RACE—Purse $200, of which $50 to 2d. Welter weights; 1¼ miles, over 6 hurdles.

SECOND DAY.

FIRST RACE—Brokers' Purse, $250; of which $50 to 2d. For all ages; the winner to be sold at auction immediately after the race; if entered to be sold for $500 to carry weight for age; if for $400, allowed 3 lbs.; for $300, 7 lbs.; for $200, 10 lbs. Horses entered not to be sold to carry 10 lbs. extra. Any surplus over selling price to be divided equally between 2d horse and racing fund. 1¼ miles.

SECOND RACE—Canadian Derby, for 3-year-olds foaled in the Dominion of Canada; a sweepstakes of $20 each, $10 forfeit to be paid at time of entry with $500 added; $75 from the stakes to 2d, and 3d to save his stake. 1½ miles.

THIRD RACE—Handicap; purse $250, of which $50 to 2d and $25 to 3d; 2 miles over 8 hurdles.

FOURTH RACE—Consolation Handicap; purse $100, of which $20 to 2d and $10 to 3d; for horses that have run at the meeting and have not won 1st or 2d money; 1 mile.

Entries close on Saturday, June 2.

Arrival of the Hendrie Stable.

The Hendrie contingent for the Ontario Jockey Club meeting arrived here yesterday from Hamilton in charge of Trainer Allcock. The stripe, which numbers eight, are quartered at the stable on the track, and include the following:

Strathspey, c.h. aged by Glenelg—La Pelika.
Long Shot, b.c. 4 years by Long Tar—Wild Daisy.
Hi Yoh, b.f. 5 years by Bertram—Skatress.
Banjo, b.c. 4 years by Tympanum—Cannobie Lea.
Mistbloom, ch.f. 3 years by King Alfonso—Mint Drop.
King Idler, b.c. 2 years by King Alfonso—Idler.
Iron Star, br.f. 4 years by Bipbibram—Beautiful Star.
Vinegerette, b.f. 3 years by Virgil—Fair Lady.

Woodbine Training Notes.

The trainers at Woodbine yesterday morning were sending their charges along, although the day was hardly suitable for fast work, being cold and raw. The forcing process which will be in vogue in all the stables from now until the races will unquestionably result in such mishaps as horses in training are liable to. Horses yesterday were given good work, both on the track and over the steeplechase ground.

Trainer McBride was over from the Bayview with his string. Meadow Queen, Albani and Eulidia were sent 1½ miles at a good pace, and Glenarm, accompanied by Dusk, also did useful work.

Beechmore and the Sensation Filly were sent a mile better than two minutes.

Chandos showed the way to Trustee in a good pace gallop of 1½ miles.

Vigilance and Turbelow were stripped of their clothes and given some useful work.

Gorman sent Harry Kernell a mile at top speed, the son of Victor covering the distance close to 1.55.

Harry Cooper was stripped of his clothes and galloped half a mile at top speed.

Allcock gave his 2-year-olds some slow galloping exercise.

Evangeline and Inspire were sent two miles over the steeplechase ground, the pair jumping well together.

Repeater was stripped of his clothes and sent four miles over the jumps, performing very cleverly.

Bellevite was schooled over the course but did not jump well, and nearly came down at one of the obstacles.

Pawnbroker, accompanied by Jubilee and Welcome, were sent half a mile at top speed, Jubilee finishing in front in 58 sec.

Fred Henry and Augusta's move of half a mile on Sunday was only a trial and not a match race, as stated in a Toronto paper yesterday. Fred Henry was heavily blanketed at the time.

The Hunt.

The Hounds will meet this afternoon at the Dufferin Hotel, corner of Dufferin and Bloor streets, at 3.30 o'clock.

Gossip of the Turf.

Mr. Hanna writes from Lachine that he will arrive here on Saturday with Percy, Fenton and Skylark.

The Red Rank Stable of Montreal lost by death on Friday last a 4-year-old mare by Knowlton—Fanchonette, and a 2-year-old filly by the same horse is very sick and not expected to live. Mr. Love is certainly having very hard luck this year.

The Prince of Wales if he has won money on a race tilts his hat over his eyebrows and takes rapidly to anyone who may be with him. If he loses he takes his hat off, wipes his forehead with his handkerchief and maintains a severe silence. A man who says nothing when he loses a race possesses an element of greatness.

Rowing on the Decline in England.

The Aquatic and Athletic Life, a new English journal devoted exclusively to those sports, laments the decadence of rowing in the following wonder: "That rowing, both amateur and professional, has for the past few years been on the decline in this country is a fact which cannot be denied. Regattas nowadays are, as a rule, very tame affairs. All public interest in them has nearly died out. Even the oarsmen themselves appear to have fallen into a state bordering on perfect indifference. All enthusiasm seems to have left them. No more do we see crews undergo a regular course of training as of old. No more do we see the victors crowned on the finishing line amid the screeching of steamwhistles and the acclamations of thousands of persons from every walk in life. The good old days when the mechanic would throw down his tools, the factory girl don her holiday rig, the farmer take his buckboard, the merchant his equipage and journey merrily to a boat race, appear to have passed away. Professional hippodroming and small prizes are mentioned as being the principal causes of this decadence. Surely there is a possibility that it is in a measure due to the exclusiveness of the Henley definition!

Athletes to Go to England.

The New York Athletic Club will be represented by a team of five at the English championship meeting at Crewe on June 30. This was unanimously decided upon at a recent meeting of the club. Those who have been selected for the team are Guy Richards, for the high jump; George Gray of this city, the champion shot putter, will be entered for the event; C. M. Smith will run in the one-quarter and one-half, E. C. Carter in the one-half and one and four miles, will be entered for the distance runs, and Alexander A. Jordan will do the hurdles and broad jump. These five men have each agreed to go, and, with the exception of Jordan, will leave about June 2.

Guerrero Challenges the World.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The division of the money won by the pedestrians was made to-day. Littlewood received $3717; Guerrero $1468; Hertz, $1115; Noremac, $743; Golden, $371. Guerrero issued a challenge to chop wood or any man in the world in a six-days' contest for $5000 to $10,000 a side. He preferred a sweepstake race of six days. He also challenged Cartwright and the world to a sweepstake for the same amount for fifty miles. It is probable that Hughes and Hertz will accept the latter challenge. Cartwright has accepted, but it is doubtful if he can secure a backer. The race will be run at the Polo Grounds in five weeks. Hughes complained that he had received improper attention at the late walk, and that he had to go on the track the second day with wet clothes on because his trainer deserted him.

Before the Police Magistrate.

In the Police Court yesterday Annie Dogger, held on a charge of larceny, was discharged. Wm. Pickard, disorderly, $5 and costs. George Stewart, climbing over the baseball ground fence, $1 and costs. Peter Black, John Thompson and John Trehey, larceny, the latter discharged in the first two remanded. Patrick Conway and Thos. McLean, larceny, discharged. John Thompson, larceny, two months; Joseph Patterson, do., 30 days. Charles Grout, burglary, remanded. John McDermott, chicken thief, 20 days.

The Cannons Committed.

KINGSTON, May 14.—At the Cannon's trial on Saturday J. H. Cannon was committed for trial for falsifying his books, and Dr. Cannon and J. H. Cannon, on a charge of receiving and concealing goods and chattels, were committed for trial. The Cannons were bailed in $1000.

Boulanger Behind in Isere.

PARIS, May 14.—The election in the Department of Isere yesterday to fill the vacancy in the Chamber of Deputies, resulted in the return of Gaillard (Radical), by this vote: Gaillard, 40,260; Girard (Opportunist), 37,673; Boulanger, 14,221.

Insane Through Religious Excitement.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 14.—Alfred Wilson, a delegate to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, became a raving maniac while attending service yesterday. His insanity was caused by religious excitement.

A Veritable Gusher.

COURTRIGHT, Ont., May 14.—The Courtright Salt Company completed their fourth well for natural gas on Saturday. The whole four are producing gas in paying quantities. The one completed Saturday is a veritable gusher and was pronounced by an expert to be equal in volume to the famous Finlay wells of Ohio, and is emitting gas enough to manufacture all the salt used in Canada. The company commenced this morning laying the necessary pipe to convey the gas to their works, where it will be utilized for fuel and will enable them to produce salt at one half the present cost.

Prairie Province Legislation.

WINNIPEG, May 14.—The Budget debate was not continued this afternoon. The bill making the Torrens system of land registration optional was passed after a warm debate. Premier Greenway, who strongly opposed the change, threatening to take further action in the matter. The Government was divided, Geo. Ryan, Jones and Prendergast opposing and Martin and Smart supporting the bill. The License Act passed with a few amendments.

It was rumored to-day that the Government was securing evidence regarding the removal of Government property by a late official in order to arrest him.

After recess Mr. Douglas moved a vote of confidence motion respecting the giving of the Government printing to The Free Press without competition. Premier Greenway defended the course of the Government owing to lack of time to advertise for tenders. A. F. Martin moved an amendment that while recognizing the principle of public competition the action of the Government was perfectly satisfactory under the circumstances. This carried, 19 to 8.

—Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant to take, sure and effectual in destroying worms. Many have used it with best results. x

GEN. WOLSELEY'S DEFENCE

THE HOUSE OF LORDS CROWDED WITH EAGER LISTENERS.

He Still Adheres to the Statements Made in His Evidence and at the Banquet, and Says that He Has Nothing Whatever to Withdraw.

LONDON, May 14.—The House of Lords was crowded to-day with people who desired to hear Lord Wolseley's defence. The peers and peeresses' galleries were filled. Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Stanhope, Lord Randolph Churchill, Viscount Cranborne and other members of the House of Commons crowded the steps of the throne. Lord Wolseley, who was seated on a cross bench, rose when the Duke of Cambridge entered and shook hands with him.

Upon the appearance of Lord Salisbury, Lord Wolseley asked leave to make a personal explanation with reference to Lord Salisbury's complaint of his attacking the Government. He did not see how an unprejudiced person could construe his remarks into an attack upon the Government. He felt that he could not honestly assail the Government for negligence toward the army and navy. In the position which he occupied in the administration of the army he could not fail to be fully aware of what Mr. Stanhope had done and was doing to render the army efficient. He felt deeply the necessity of keeping the forces efficient, and was convinced that more might be done than had yet been accomplished. He admitted that the present Government had done much toward improving the defences.

In the banquet speech referred to he said no more than he did in his evidence before the Commission of Inquiry. He still adhered to that evidence, word for word, and had nothing whatever to withdraw. As long as the navy was as weak as it was now the army could not hold its own. The defences at home and abroad were in a bad condition. The military forces were not organized as they should be. They did not guarantee even the safety of the Capital.

He did not want to create a panic, but he maintained that the condition of the country was such that if a force of 100,000 men succeeded in effecting a landing and were properly handled there was no reason why they might not take possession of the country. He made this statement with a full appreciation of his responsibility.

He had been tempted to resign on Saturday after reading what Lord Salisbury had said. The House could not take the initiative in the matter, but he places himself in the hands of the Premier. He did not intend to cast a slur upon the Government, he had endeavored to the best of his ability to serve his sovereign and his country. (Cheers.)

Lord Salisbury held that his strictures upon Lord Wolsley's statement at a recent dinner were fully warranted. At the same time he accepted Lord Wolsley's disavowal of any intention to attack the Government. He only hoped that if Lord Wolsley had occasion to criticise the Administration in the future he would do so in the House. He should regret the General's leaving the service as the greatest blow that could fall on the military administration. Lord Wolsley's statements regarding the weakness of the country's defence would be seriously inquired into.

The Duke of Cambridge said that every now and then he and Lord Wolsley did not agree, but they disagreed without quarreling. If these matters were to be discussed in open in the House between the commander-in-chief and an adjutant-general it would be most detrimental to the interests of the public service.

—Fever and ague and bilious derangements are positively cured by the use of Parmelee's Pills. They not only cleanse the digestive organs of all bilious matter, but they open the excretory vessels, causing them to pour copious effusions from the blood into the bowels, after which the corrupted mass is thrown out by the natural passage of the body. They are used as a general family medicine with the best results. x

Notes of Amusements.

By far the best staged play that has been seen at the Toronto Opera House this season was presented last night. It is "One of the Bravest," and is incidental of a fireman's life in a great city like New York. The great fire scene eclipsed anything of its kind attempted on a Toronto stage. Mr. Charles McCarthy as Larry Howard ("One of the Bravest"), headed a company that presented the play true to the life. Several good specialities were introduced. One of the chief weaknesses of residents of large cities is their fondness for the firemen, and no one should miss to visit the Toronto Opera House this week. Matinees to-day, to-morrow and Saturday.

On the evening of May 25 Manager Shaw takes a benefit at the Toronto, when Tony Pastor's elegant variety company will appear.

Among the attractions that have been centered in this city for amusement and instruction, there is perhaps not one that is entitled to supremacy over the painting representing the short "Battle of Sedan." It depicts in a faithful and realistic manner the details of a horrible battle.

To the Front.

Gibson is to the front. He is not afraid of either powder or ball. Gibson has joined with Ball to supply a