

# Sparrow Sarsaparilla.

Once upon a time, the birds had a dispute as to which could soar the highest. A contest was arranged, and on the day appointed the birds all flew in a flock towards the sky. One by one they were left behind by the eagle, who at last reached the climax of his flight, a solitary victor. At this moment, a sneaking sparrow (whose insignificant weight the king of birds had not noticed) flew from the back on which he had been stealing a free ride, and, with an impudent twitter, mounted a few inches above the eagle. His song was short; for, unable to sustain himself at so unaccustomed a height, he fell like a stone towards the earth.

## MORAL.

There is nothing new in the idea of hanging on to a successful man's coat tails. That's the way the sparrow beat the eagle—for a minute. That's the way sparrow sarsaparilla soar above Ayer's—for a minute. They drop, as soon as they have to depend on their own strength. Don't accept any sarsaparilla that claims to be "as good as Ayer's." It is only stealing a ride on Ayer's reputation. There is one safe sarsaparilla and blood purifier. It's Ayer's.

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## "In It."

London, Hamilton, Toronto and Guelph

Will Form the New Canadian Baseball League.

London Will Have a Crack Team. Strong in the Box.

The Eastern League Schedule - Chatham's Chances Good for the C. W. A. Meet—General Sporting News.

## BASEBALL.

### THE CANADIAN LEAGUE.

The organization meeting of the Canadian Baseball League for 1897 was held yesterday at the Commercial Hotel, Hamilton. The following representatives were present: Wm. Stroud, H. E. Moore and K. C. Ripley, of Hamilton; Frank H. Elmore, Chas. Madocks and Frank Nelson, of Toronto; A. D. Holman and Bert Shepley, of London. Guelph had no representatives present, but gave assurance of their intention to enter the league, as they had secured the necessary backing. They further agreed to sanction the business done at the meeting.

President, Shepley, of London, was chairman, and Cal. Davis, of Hamilton, acted as secretary. On motion of Messrs. Stroud and Elmore, the Canadian League was organized for 1897, to consist of London, Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph.

It was proposed to appoint two league umpires, but the matter was laid over until the annual meeting on April 2 at Guelph.

The question of salary limit provoked considerable discussion. The Hamilton men wanted a high limit, and gave the impression that they were going to have a winning team at any price. It was finally agreed to limit the salaries of each team to \$500 per month, exclusive of the managing expenses. This is the first year that a limit has been fixed.

The season will consist of 12 games at home and 12 games away—beginning May 15 and ending Sept. 19. Four games a week will be played. Each team will put up \$100 to be forfeited if it drops out before the season closes. The schedule will be arranged at the annual meeting.

Manager Madocks, of Toronto, gave the name of the wealthy W. Gooderham as the financial backer of his team. He thought the Canadian would draw even better than the Eastern League club in the Queen City. Manager Irwin, of the Toronto Eastern team, had promised the Canadian team protection, so as to avoid interference with its players, and it remains to be seen whether he will do so or not. The secretary will write to President Young, of the National League, asking protection under schedule "C."

Manager Holman says London will have a creditable team for 1897. A number of good men have been practically signed, but their names are withheld for obvious reasons until the annual meeting, when the contracts can be clinched. Particular pains will be taken to strengthen the box, in which London has usually been weak. Two or three crack pitchers are as good as signed. An exhibition game will be played here on May 17 between the Cuban Giants of New York and the Londoners.

## EASTERN LEAGUE.

New York, March 20.—The Eastern

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League schedule provides for the opening games of the season on Thursday, April 23, at Providence, Springfield, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. The western clubs on that date will cross bats with the home organizations. The closing games will be played on Sept. 22, the eastern clubs meeting their western opponents in the latter's home territory. The question of umpires was informally discussed at yesterday's session, and it was decided to follow the usual custom of leaving the selection of the umpires to President Powers. Mr. Powers says he has found some difficulty in securing the men he wants for these positions this season, but he hopes to be able to announce their names within ten days.

**PROVIDERS.** It is estimated that the costs of Amos Rusie's suits against the New York club will be in the neighborhood of \$300. Connie Mack has signed Tom Daly, of the Brooklyn team, to play second base and captain the Milwaukee team. Hamilton has been traded.

Harold McClure, who a dozen years ago was a famous catcher, and was formerly a member of the Boston nine, is now a judge in Pennsylvania. His jurisdiction extends over three counties. The members of the St. Paul team will report at Cincinnati next week. After playing there for a while they will return to St. Louis where three games have been arranged.

Milwaukee has decided not to make a fight for St. Louis, but was awarded to St. Louis by Nick Young. Hanlon returned to Connie Mack the \$1,000 check sent him from the pitcher's league. A report comes from the east that George Carey, who was drafted from the Syracuse club of the Eastern League, last fall by the Philadelphia, wants to secure his release from the Quakers in order to join the Milwaukee club, from whom he was taken in 1893 by the Baltimoreans.

Goderich Baseball Club has organized for the coming season by electing the following officers: Honorary president, A. McD. Allan; honorary vice-president, Dr. J. V. Shattell; Dr. Hoagess, Robert Thompson, W. T. Welsh, and Wm. Proudfoot; president, B. D. Grant; secretary, J. B. Pasmore; manager, J. B. Nairn. The first match of the season will probably be on May 24, with a London team, and a dramatic entertainment in Victoria Opera House on the 25th.

## AQUATIC.

**JACKIE CAULDAUR.** J. G. Gaudaur, champion sculler of the world, has issued a circular, a copy of which has been sent to The Advertiser. The champion proposes giving exhibitions during the coming season. He will row either in exhibition races or will simply exhibit, as may be desired.

## WHEEL.

### THE BIKE IN WARFARE.

During a recent exhibition in Paris a Zouave acted at a rattling pace, halted, blazed away, dismounted, folded his bike, slung it on his back, scaled a wall, dropped on the other side, fired again, dropped the bike and rode off. The field of operations opened by such practice is new and suggestive. A squad of cyclists moving in silence, could venture where neither artillery nor cavalry could penetrate.

**CHATHAM STRONG.** Chatham, March 20.—A rousing business meeting of the Chatham Cycle Club was held Thursday night, at which reports were received from abroad that everything was progressing very nicely in connection with the C. W. A. meet. Secretary-Treasurer H. B. Lamont read his annual report, showing a membership of 501, consisting of 129 ladies and 381 gentlemen. There is also a very creditable balance on the right side. Mr. Cairns verbally reported the very satisfactory progress of the C. W. A. meet to Chatham. The rate for Chatham, on the occasion of the C. W. A. meet, will not exceed \$2.25, and very likely will be much below this figure.

## SPOKES.

The total membership of the United League is now 75,840.

Martin, the American, who has been riding on the tracks of that country for two years, Martin had been very successful in the antipodes. Owing to the talk of a new association to take charge of racing in the

west, the national circuit dates on the coast and through Texas have been canceled. Tom Cooper will make his first start on the circuit at Nashville about three weeks hence.

Pat McDonald will train Eddie Bald.

**WINDSOR RACE MEETING.**

The Windsor race meeting will open on April 20 and will last till May 21. The track will be under the management of the Windsor Jockey Club, a syndicate of half a dozen wealthy men, and the prizes offered will be more liberal than ever. W. W. Lyles will be secretary.

## HIS KENNEL.

Brighton Joe, a pointer dog belonging to T. G. Darby, of this city, which has been under the training of Constable McGregor, won a prize at the Chicago Bench show was afterwards sold to a gentleman there for \$400.

## THE TURF.

Eighteen young horses, all sired by Axtell, 2:12, lately sold at auction for \$11,025, an average of \$613. Star Pointer proved a great investment for the St. Paul team. He was star last May for \$5,000, kept him a year, raced him and succeeded in lowering his record to 2:12. He was afterwards sold for \$10,000 to the Philadelphia, and he is now in the hands of the Philadelphia.

Jockey Dunn has been suspended at New Orleans for brutality. The Kentucky Futurity, for foals of 1897 to trot in 1899 and 1900 has closed with 319 entries. Nearly as many more entries are expected. The program, the owner of the Waterloo stables will not start Saragossa in any of the State events this year. He was left in poor shape after the campaign of a year ago.

## ATHLETICS.

It was alien legend that thumped Corbett. Corbett should see to it that these Cornishmen are not allowed to come over here and while American citizens. The Windsor Record says that the latest street report is that Corbett lost the fight because he had "fitted" the fight.

## GOLD FOR CYCLISTS.

Amateur Riders are Offered Gold Bricks for Winning Races on Red Bird Bicycles Fitted With Electric Tires.

With their characteristic enterprise the Gold Bicycle Co., Ltd., of Bradford, are offering amateur riders exceptional inducements to win races during the coming season on Red Bird bicycles fitted with Electric Tires. A \$500 gold brick is offered to the amateur who will win three out of five of the Canadian championships.

To the rider who was the most successful in the races sanctioned by the C. W. A., another \$200 gold brick will be presented, while a \$250 gold brick will fall to the lot of the rider who scores the second largest number of C. W. A. victories, the race in each instance to be won on a Red Bird fitted with Electric Tires.

From the splendid prizes given, the fact that four out of five of the class B championships of '95 and four out of five of the professional championships of '96 were won by Red Bird riders should tend to make this staunch and speedy Canadian wheel immensely popular with amateur riders.

In addition to this, and of a more recent date, however, the Red Bird has met with wonderful success in Australia. Martin and Kellow virtually sweeping everything before them, the latter winning as high as \$2,500 in two weeks, the actual time of racing being in the neighborhood of fifteen minutes. As an Australian cycling paper aptly puts it, "This is good business."

A factitious contemporary has announced that King Premph of Ashante intends to while away the tedious of his captivity by writing a book entitled "Men Whom I Have Eaten."

# Another Problem.

The Turks Violating the Berlin Treaty

By Erecting Fortifications Along the Gulf of Arva.

Nothing Less Than Annexation Will Satisfy Crete.

Turkey Maneuvering Her Warships—Important Statement by Lord Kimberley in the British House.

Athens, March 20.—A new feature in the situation has developed, which threatens to result in serious complications. The Turks are engaged in rapidly constructing fortifications on the Turkish side of the Gulf of Arva. This is in direct violation of the provisions of the treaty of Berlin. The Greek Government has made vigorous protest to the powers against this action on the part of Turkey. Great indignation is felt here that the powers should stand supinely by and see Turkey

**VIOLATE THE BERLIN TREATY.** The impression gains that to gain their own ends the Christian powers of Europe will submit to anything in the support of the Turks. It is rumored here that Russia is urging Turkey to attack Greece, offering financial assistance to the Porte if this is done. Russia believes that the first battle would result in a disastrous defeat of the Greek troops, and she would then call off the "Pans" and propose terms that Greece would be bound to accept.

## AUTONOMY IS NOT ENOUGH.

The admirals at Canea have had another interview with the insurance leader at Akrotiri. They handed to the Cretans copies of the document, proclaiming that the autonomous government would be constituted for the island, but the intelligence was not well received. The Cretans did not hesitate to express their hostility to the plan of the powers to leave them under the suzerainty of the Sultan. They definitely declared that they would hold out until their last drop of blood was shed, and added that they were such as the powers proposed. Their desire was to have the island annexed by Greece, and they would hold out until this became an established fact.

## THE BLOCKADE.

Canea, March 20.—An Italian officer has taken for the camp of the Greek troops, the island of Sphakia. The Vassos, their commander, at the blockade of the island will begin at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The note communicated to Col. Vassos by the French and Italian officers was to leave the island at once, with his forces within 24 hours, as previously cabled, but merely informing the blockade of the Vassos. He requested him not to prevent the distribution of the admirals' proclamation.

## TURKISH NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

London, March 20.—The Times prints a dispatch from Constantinople saying that three torpedo boats, two torpedo boats and a gunboat, the regular fleet from the inner Golden Horn in the sea of Marmara last night, and then proceeded to the Gulf of Arva. The remainder of the Turkish squadron, which will sail tomorrow, this morning, the Turkish fleet, consisting of six frigates of 6,000 tons and ten gunboats, one frigate of 2,000 tons and five gunboats, and one river gunboat. The squadron will wait orders at Gallipoli.

## GREEK TROOPS ENTRENCHING.

Three Greek steamers have landed a large number of munitions of war and provisions at Sphakia, on the south coast. The supplies are intended for the use of the Greek troops, who are reported to be concentrating themselves in an almost impenetrable position in the mountains back of Sphakia.

## EFFECTS OF A BLOCKADE.

London, March 20.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times telegraphs that it is semi-officially reported in Vienna that the Greek blockade of the Turkish coast will not take part in any operations that may be decided upon as necessary. The Windsor Record says that the latest street report is that Corbett lost the fight because he had "fitted" the fight.

## STATEMENTS IN THE BRITISH HOUSE.

London, March 20.—In the House of Lords, Lord Salisbury made a bitter criticism upon the speech delivered by the Earl of Kimberley at the meeting of the National Federation of the Wednesday evening, in which he asserted that according to Lord Salisbury the policy of France is also that of Great Britain, and is based upon the maintenance of integrity of the Ottoman Empire. This assertion, Lord Salisbury said, was untrue. If the policy of the Liberal party was to abandon the Ottoman Empire, it had been, but lately adopted. Lord Kimberley would probably again become Foreign Minister of Great Britain, and in that position he would depart entirely from its past policy regarding Turkey, and maintain that the Ottoman Empire was a standing menace to the peace of Europe.

## GENERAL CABLES.

All Night Session of the British Parliament—Arming the Transvaal.

London, March 20.—Owing to the pressure of business in the House of Commons, it was voted to suspend the rule providing that the House adjourn at midnight. The House then went into committee of the whole on the naval estimates.

A Barcelona dispatch says: The Catalan committee have issued a manifesto demanding autonomy similar to the scheme proposed by the Government of Cuba, for Catalonia.

A great sensation has been caused at Moscow by the appointment of Maxim Pasha as viceroy. He was the Minister of Police during the massacre

will make butter on a larger scale than ever. He has secured the services of James Thompson, who is in the front rank of butter-makers.

## COURTRIGHT.

Furloughed Sailors Getting on Their "Sea Legs"—Concert in Aid of the Female Fund.

Courtright, March 19.—There was considerable excitement in this little town on Wednesday over the Corbett and Fitzsimmons fight.

The sailors who have been staying here through the past winter are just thinking of getting their situations for the coming season.

F. Stockdale, of Stag Island, has been visiting friends in town for the past few days.

A grand concert will be held in the Stewart Hall on March 22 for the aid of the India famine relief fund.

The ferry Welcome is busy freighting salt across the river to the Canada side at the present time.

George Whiteside has moved to town.

## COMBER.

The Public Library Getting Into Shape—Coming and Going.

Comber, March 18.—J. E. Hull and J. Kerr are attending court at Sandwich this week as Jurymen.

Mrs. J. Kerr is visiting relatives in Woodmere, Mich.

Mrs. J. A. Buchanan is visiting in Highgate.

Mrs. M. Manning was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Supreme Circle of the Order of Canadian Home Circle, held in Brantford.

J. S. Ainslie, who has been indisposed, is able to be around again.

The public library is in a fair way to be in working shape in the near future.

## Western Ontario.

Decision in the Stock-Broking Suit at Chatham.

A Raleigh Farmer's Narrow Escape From an Awful Death.

Mrs. Casper Mickle, of Preston, died suddenly on Thursday from heart disease.

A Stratford sport who backed Corbett has to saw four cords of wood to pay his bet.

There are 113 inmates in the county of Waterloo House of Refuge, the largest number in the history of the institution.

There were 107 prisoners committed to Bruce county jail during the year ending Sept. 30, 1896. The total cost of maintaining the jail was \$3,127 74.

Conductor Fogg returned on Saturday from Windsor, Ont., whether he had gone to attend the funeral of his father, who died there last week, at an advanced age.—Winnipeg Nor'Wester.

Word comes from the village of Oronoganda of the drowning there of old George Butler, familiarly known as "Captain" ferryman at that place. The boat, which was old and leaky, sank. Butler was 60 years of age.

Mrs. Snook, the victim of the shooting outrage at Big Point, was entirely recovered from all her injuries, with the exception of the wound behind her ear. She will be able to appear against Dumas at the assizes next week.

Mr. Alexander Matheson of Embro, who was a great sufferer from cancer of the stomach, died at his residence near Maplewood, the other day.

Miss Agnes Edmunds, formerly teacher of the public school at Decewa, Haldimand county, died at the residence of her father, Mr. J. Edmunds, Dunsford, Thursday morning, of consumption. She was only 23 years of age.

Detective Mahoney says, regarding the 13-year-old son of Frank Herbert, of Windsor, who ran away from school on account of some trifling matter, that he had said to answer his description is staying with a farmer named Chauvin at Stoney Point.

A very interesting wedding took place at the residence of Capt. Mark Berry, Port Stanley, Tuesday, when his second daughter, Miss Alice, was married to Rev. Wm. Hinde to Arthur, eldest son of Mr. Frederick Johnson, one of the most prosperous farmers of South Yarmouth.

## TILSONBURG.

A Very Sudden Death—Successful Ministerial Concert.

Tilsonburg, March 19.—Mr. John Lake, who has been a sufferer for some time from heart disease, died suddenly at his home yesterday morning. Mr. Lake was sitting in his chair chatting with a friend, when he suddenly threw back his head and expired. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon.

The ministerial concert last night by the "Big Four" was quite a success. A large number were present, and an excellent programme of readings, speeches, music and singing was furnished, and was most heartily enjoyed.

Rev. M. McGregor acted as chairman. W. B. Hogarth has been appointed a member of the High School Board, in place of B. F. Bell, resigned.

Rev. M. McGregor will read a paper before the Educational Association, which meets in Toronto next month. A number from town were in Woodstock yesterday attending the meeting of creditors of Mr. John Waterhouse. The liabilities are about \$5,500.

Miss Thompson has gone to St. Catharines to take charge of the dress-making department of D. M. Walker & Co.'s store.

## BOTHWELL.

Ailing Ones Once More Convalescent—Stirring Up the Milk and Butter Business.

Bothwell, March 19.—Charles Smith, of Stuart, is in town, looking after his oil interests.

W. Adkin is off on a business trip to Populsky, Cleveland, and other American points.

Thomas Dillon has bought the Palmer and Joseph Dillon is giving it a thorough repairing.

Mrs. Harry Richards is recovering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Francis is very sick with heart trouble.

J. C. Bell is able to be out again after his severe illness. The genial doctor's many friends rejoice to see him restored to health.

S. C. Mason, the stirring proprietor of the dairy farm, is making up his milk routes for another season's business. He has raised quite a number of cows to his already large stock, and

right knee was dislocated and his side terribly bruised.

An important decision was rendered by Judge Houston at Chatham Thursday, having to do with the legality of operations of the stock brokerage exchanges. The defendants in one of the charges was Mr. L. J. Atwater, of Buffalo, who conducts an agency for Demary & Co., and has connections with wire with Chicago and New York. Witnesses had been called to prove specific instances of alleged gambling, and the judge, at the conclusion of the trial, intimated his belief that the witnesses themselves came within the meaning of the act, operating as they

At Osgoode Hall, in Corby vs. Dunne, J. H. Moss, for defendant, moved to set aside notice of trial served for Chatham sittings and for costs of this application, on ground that notice was served in breach of agreement between solicitors that this action should be stayed until action of Dunne vs. Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company shall have been disposed of, or, in alternative, to postpone trial. J. E. Irving, for plaintiff, showed cause. Order made postponing trial and setting aside notice of trial. Costs to defendant in any event. Leave given to plaintiff to appeal.

and transactions which did not contemplate delivery, but were merely margins on deals on the rise and fall of the market. Mr. Atwater, however, swore that actual deliveries could be and were made in the deals. Judge Houston, while adhering to this view of the evidence, dismissed the charges against the defendant on the ground that his actions were quite regular and that that as agent only he was not open under the statute to prosecution. His commission was on the consideration paid for procuring a stock deal, whether the deal resulted to the gain or otherwise of the party operating on "Change."

**East Williams Township Council.** The municipal council of East Williams met at Nairn, on March 8. All the members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was resolved that George Frazer be reappointed collector at a salary of \$200. It was resolved that Mr. Matheson inquire into the complaint of D. P. McEwan, respecting damage by wolves and take necessary action. It was resolved that Mr. Campbell be empowered to rebuild the McEwan bridge. The following accounts were read: D. Sutherland, 60 loads gravel, \$3 60; J. W. Hey, 20 loads for repairs for school children, \$3; trustees' Patrons' Hall, for use of hall, \$1 60. The council adjourned to meet in Nairn on second Monday in April, at 10 o'clock a.m. D. Wylie, clerk.

**A SUBLTLE THIEF.** Kidney Troubles Stolen on One Instantaneously—A Slight Cold Then Congestion—Then an Affliction—Then the Deadly Malady Bright's Disease—South American Kidney Cure is a Kidney Specific—It Relieves in Six Hours and Cures—Never Fails.

Mr. James McBride, of Jamestown, Ont., says: "I believe South American Kidney Cure saved my life. I was severely afflicted that my friends had to attend me daily to take the urine from me."

Mr. A. Williamson, Customs Officer, Kincaid, Ont., says: "I highly recommend this specific as the greatest of boons to suffering humanity for all affections of the bladder and kidneys."

**A Tilsonburg Business Change.** Mr. George H. Gledhill, who for the past four years has been manager of the jewelry business of D. Turner, Sarnia, has gone into business on his own in Tilsonburg, Ont., where he has purchased one of the best jewelry businesses in Western Ontario, from Mr. F. Trebilcock, wholesale and manufacturer of jewelry. It is understood that the price paid was in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Previous to his departure from Sarnia, Mr. Gledhill was banquished by his many admirers in that town. Many were the expressions of regret manifested at his departure. Mr. Turner being particularly sorry to lose so valuable an employee.

Mr. Gledhill is a graduate of the Toronto Autological Institute, and a graduate optician. He is more highly recommended by the owner of a sunny disposition, and of a personality that makes many friends and loses none. He is the son of Mr. Albert Gledhill, the well-known Petrol oil producer, and as he is above all a man of business, he is bound to succeed.

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