

Railway so effectnally that you have opened up the succulent vivaves of the Northwest Territories for any enterprising settler to swallow and be nourished; but why! oh!! why!!! Sir John, do you withhold the pepper, salt and vinegar of sensible legislation?" Here I burst into tears and was only just able to point out the markings I had put on his checkers. He looked at them, and his thoughts I have written below the cartoon I made at the time." "What else did he say? Do you think he'll make the right move," we asked. The little fellow brightened up and said confidently, that "Sir John had cleared his throat and said he'd think about it." Then he went to bed.

Poor little chappie, your beautiful freshness touches us. We can't help wishing that we had a five dollar bill for every time Sir John "had cleared his throat and said he'd think about it,"—we'd buy the Astor house!! start the world's fair!!!—but this reminds us that the last bag of coal we borrowed from our neighbor is nearly gone and the weather is cool—very.



WE do not think it yet too late to refer to the Ritchie and Tarrant unfortunate affair, especially as many utterly groundless, and several idiotic reports were circulated at the time the race was to have come off. Ritchie had funkcd! Ritchie had been bought!! Ritchie had done this, that and the other. Now, as regards the first accusation, when we say that Ritchie, a fortnight before the match should have come off, ran the distance on the rough prairie in 11 secs., it will be seen by anybody who knows the least thing about running, that the English crack would have, at least, set Tarrant a difficult task to beat him, on a fairly decent track. As regards the second accusation,—no one who knows the man and his reputation in the old country puts the very faintest belief in this.

A thing not generally known is that Ritchie suffers every now and again from the effects of a bad football kick, and this, unfortunately, caused him trouble just at the end of his training.

We are not apologists for one man or the other, and we believe it is one of those cases where no blame can be attached to either side; at least the only blame which could be attached, was that Ritchie did not take proper steps to see that his letter was either posted, or else delivered to the person

to whom it was addressed. That it was greatly to be regretted, there can be no question, especially as athletics seem to be making headway in our midst, and this was the first meeting to have been held under the auspices of the newly formed athletic club. However, we trust yet to see the two men meet, if not this season, then at the sports to be held next spring.

THE cricket season of 1889 was utterly disastrous to the Town club, in their matches against the Police. This year, however, the complexion of affairs was considerably altered, as the Police only won a single game during the whole season, that being the all-day match played on July 1st, when they won by several wickets. This change of position cannot be put down to the strength of the Calgary C. C., so much as to the weakness of the Police C. C., that weakness being caused chiefly by the extra patrol duty the men of the "E" division had to perform this year, thereby continually taking some of their best players out of town. Six matches have been played during the present season between these two clubs. The usual talk, of the "country" team being brought in, who would knock spots off the town, was indulged in, but that was all. The country team never materialized, which was greatly to be regretted, as the match would have proved highly interesting. Perhaps next year the country will be able to get up a team. They would undoubtedly make the town sit up.

For the town club E. C. B. Cave has shown best form, both with the bat and the ball, especially with the latter, having taken 62 wickets during the season, Prothero, the captain of the club, coming next, with 26. These two practically did all the bowling for the team. Owing to the scores being irregularly kept, it is impossible to give the bowling analysis. Shelton was the surprise of the season, playing throughout a good steady game, obtaining, as will be seen below, the highest averag in the club. Mackenzie, behind the wicket, proved himself a great acquisition, and considerably strengthened the eleven.

The following are the batting averages for the season :

BATTING AVERAGES OF THE C. C. C.

| NAME.                 | No. of Innings. | No. of Runs. | Highest Score. | Times Not Out. | Av'r'ge. |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| A. E. Shelton .....   | 5               | 60           | 30*            | 1              | 15       |
| A. H. Wade .....      | 7               | 24           | 24             | 0              | 12       |
| E. C. B. Cave .....   | 13              | 121          | 46             | 1              | 10.1     |
| O. Critchley .....    | 7               | 49           | 16*            | 1              | 8.1      |
| H. J. Curley .....    | 13              | 93           | 35             | 0              | 7.2      |
| E. M. Prothero .....  | 13              | 56           | 12             | 1              | 4.8      |
| E. R. Rogers .....    | 10              | 44           | 16             | 1              | 4.8      |
| C. C. Mackenzie ..... | 13              | 53           | 12             | 0              | 4.1      |
| T. Stone .....        | 4               | 16           | 10             | 0              | 4        |
| E. Beaufort .....     | 9               | 20           | 8*             | 1              | 2.4      |
| R. N. Kirkpatrick ... | 7               | 16           | 6              | 1              | 2.4      |
| W. Whitnee .....      | 8               | 6            | 3              | 3              | 1.1      |
| Dr. George .....      | 5               | 2            | 1              | 0              | .6       |