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TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 5, 1889.

The Question of Electric Lighting Wires.

At present the Toronto Electric Light Co. have a contract with the city to light the streets with arc lights. That contract expires at the end of 1890. Until that date they have the right to erect poles for the conveyance of their wires. They have also the privilege of lighting shops and other places with arc lights and of using the streets for their poles carrying such wires. It may be that they have also the right to carry wires on their poles for the purpose of incandescent lighting in stores, factories, etc. The Toronto have a large amount of pole lines in the city and it is likely that they will be allowed to extend these if their contract with the city is enlarged.

Now comes along the Consumers' Gas Co., a concern of immense capital, of careful management, and possessed of full power to engage in electric lighting as well as gas lighting. It has determined to go into the former, and to this end has already ordered a plant and asks the city for leave to erect poles for its wires, so that it may have equal advantage with the Toronto Co. It stipulates, however, that whenever the city shall order all light companies to go underground it will obey the ordinance. Nay, it says further that if all are ordered down right away it will obey.

Next comes a new concern, the Toronto Incandescent Co., which says it is ready to go underground if the others are not allowed to remain above.

The questions before the council are: (1) should all electric lighting wires go underground; if yes, how much dearer will electric lighting be rendered thereby; (2) Will the Toronto Co. have an unfair advantage over the new companies by reason of its present contract with the city and its right to pole the streets?

The discussion yesterday at the City Hall elicited considerable information. But there is room for still more information before the city is committed to a fixed policy.

About the New American Cabinet.

A week ago it was supposed that President-elect Harrison had got over the heaviest part of the work of forming his Cabinet. Mr. Blaine had accepted the position of Secretary of State, that was certain; and it was almost as good as settled that Mr. Alison, one of the orators from Iowa, would take the Treasury. It allowed that one difficulty remained—exactly fitted to match the claims of a state had yet been settled upon; that New York was too heavy to be lightly dealt with. The difficulty lay from the beginning in the Republican leaders in that state in agree among themselves as to who the man should be. General Harrison—happy man! would have been only too happy to have given some leading place in the Cabinet to any man with a decided endorsement by the leaders of New York State. But instead of that there was division and competition, and the State—the one having the largest claim on the new President of all the States—could not agree upon what it wanted him to do. More recently another difficulty has developed itself, but not one from pressure of different claimants from one State. Mr. Alison, it is said, hesitates to resign his seat in the National Senate for fear that it may not be filled as he and his friends would wish he can. The position of U. S. Senator, be it remembered, is very influential, and is not one to be lightly resigned or handed over. The talk is that Mr. Alison, though he would be very happy to become Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, puts his duty to his party in his own State first, and will not commit himself to a written acceptance until he sees his way clear.

The New York Times (Mugwump Democrat), which hates Mr. Blaine like "pizen," has what we may call the enemy's theory of the situation. It says that Mr. Blaine and his friends fear the entrance of Mr. Alison into the Cabinet, because he would be too able a man to be ruled by this awful overshadowing man from Maine. They would rather, therefore, that Alison were left out, so that Blaine had the better chance to rule alone. According to The Times, rather a doubtful authority in this case, we should say—Mr. Harrison himself was moved to take Mr. Blaine to begin with, principally by the consideration that he could get Mr. Alison, another able man, to take the Treasury, and to leave matters not so wholly in Mr. Blaine's control as otherwise they might have been. And the outcome of what The Times says is that Mr. Alison himself does not like to enter the Cabinet with Mr. Blaine, and hence the delay in his acceptance.

This is the most extreme "Mugwump" view, the most unfavorable to Mr. Blaine that could be advanced. But we do not believe it to be the true view, after all. It is far more likely that home difficulties in Iowa are the real cause of Mr. Alison's delayed acceptance, and that these will be got over somehow or other. Such difficulties generally are.

It is reported that the difficulty in York State will be got over by a new wrinkle. Heretofore, the United States Cabinet has consisted of seven members only; and, by the way, this fact is really the "lion in the path" which bars any increase of the Dominion Cabinet beyond its present number. Mr. Darling talked on this subject to Sir John and Minister of Finance Foster at the Montreal Board of Trade dinner; but he cannot pretend that his chances of seeing a Minister of Trade and Commerce appointed for Canada would be any the better were Mr. Laurier and Sir Richard in power. However, Canada aside—it is the States we are talking of now. It is said that the United States Cabinet will be increased from seven to eight, and that the new man will be the Minister of Agriculture. Well, we should say, not at all out of place for such a great agricultural country. This new place is to be given to New York, also another one, probably that of Attorney-General. And so, if the Empire State cannot get one first-class place in the Cabinet she is to have *two places* of minor degree. All which is respectfully submitted along with other rumors.

The Bugaboo of Trusts.

Andrew Carnegie contributes an able article to The North American Review in reference to Trusts, under the head of "The Bugaboo of Trusts." The ground taken is that no measures adopted to carry out these combines can succeed as long as there is freedom to all to engage in any branch of manufacturing under like conditions with those who are in the Trust. Arguments advanced in support of this contention go to show that any illegitimate trust which endeavors to exact unusual profit on actual capital expended is only an ephemeral creation, whose end must be annihilation, and after such a trust has been formed and in its very brief season come to grief the effect must be for an equal period of time to give the consumer an unusual advantage and afterwards the prices will again resume their relative positions, while the goods of combine or trust will discourage any new organization for at least a considerable time. We quote as follows: "The fashion of trusts has but a short season longer to run, and then some other equally vain device may be expected to appear when the next period of depression arrives; but there is not the slightest danger that serious injury can result to the sound principles of business from any or all of these movements. The only people who have reason to fear trusts are these foolish enough to enter them. The Consumer and the Transporter, not the Manufacturer and the Railway Owner, are to reap the harvest."

The report of the Auditor-General for the year ended 30th June, 1888, shows that the Dominion Government paid out $20,534 for subscription to newspapers, $64,020 for advertising and $242,373 for printing and lithographing outside of the payments to the Government printers. Of the Toronto papers, for subscriptions and advertising, The Mail got $3396, Empire (six months) $1032, World $1587, Globe $443, Telegram $461. The Mail job room, not connected with The Mail, got $4766 for job printing. The Montreal Gazette got: for subscriptions $586, advertising $900, job printing $6836. The Herald got $285 for subscriptions; Minerve for advertising and subscriptions $1021, The Star $552. The London Free Press got: subscriptions $128, advertising $535, printing $3326.

IN THE LEGISLATIVE HALL,

THINGS WERE A LITTLE MORE LIVELY YESTERDAY.

Discussion on the Itinerant Poor—Returns Moved for and Granted—Houses of Industry and Cost of Paupers—Petitions Pour In—Bills are Few.

Our Provincial rulers put on a spurt. They sat an hour longer than on any day last week. The volume of petitions is on the increase and the bills are coming in liberally. To-day the Standing Orders Committee will meet and the work of the session will be started in earnest.

A slight discussion took place on the motion of Mr. Clarke of Wellington for a return showing the location of houses of industry, poorhouses, or similar institutions for the care of indigent persons. The motion was fully explained by Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Meredith and Hon. Mr. Hardy discussed it. The feeling expressed by both sides was it is important legislation should be enacted in order that each municipality and city should take care of their own poor without throwing them on the mercies of the larger cities, as is the case especially of Toronto. In this city it is well known that indigent persons from all parts of the province are dumped at our doors, and the city is through charity obliged to take care of them when by rights they should be sent back to be cared for by the towns and municipalities to which they rightfully belong.

Premier Mowat, in reply to a question by Mr. Monk regarding the extension of the advantages of the Torrens Land system to Ottawa and the County of Carleton, replied that circumstances did not warrant the Government making an exception of Ottawa.

Bills.

Mr. McMahon—To facilitate the purchase of toll roads by municipalities.

Mr. Waters—To amend the act respecting mortgages and sales of personal property.

Mr. Waters—To amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Bishop—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Act respecting insurance companies.

Mr. Monk—Bill to amend section 269 of the Municipal Act.

Mr. Waters—Resolution—That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when the Government of this Province should submit a measure for the approval of this Assembly having for its object the procuring of money from the capitalists of Great Britain upon the security of Provincial bonds or otherwise bearing 3½ or 4 per cent., said moneys to be advanced to the farmers of this Province to enable them to pay off existing mortgages, at a very slight advance over first cost and not more than would cover the necessary expense of such loans, the farms to be the security for the money advanced, and the same to be repaid in such manner as may be desired.

Mr. Hardy—Bill respecting the formation of new counties.

Mr. Preston—Return showing the names of all publishers of public school text books, with the respective books published by them and the prices thereof; also for all correspondence by or with the Minister of Education or any officer of his department respecting the prices or publication of public school text books subsequents to that already brought down.

Petitions.

Dr. Gilmour—Of residents of West Toronto Junction asking legislation to meet the requirements of the town.

Mr. Lyon—Of Joseph Wilson and 35 others of the town of Sault Ste. Marie asking that the bylaws for the construction of water works, electric lights, and water power be legalized.

Mr. Leys—Of the Land Security Company praying for power to increase their capital stock from time to time to an amount not exceeding $93,000,000.

Mr. Meacham—Of the County Council of Lennox and Addington asking an act to control the sale of lands for taxes, also of the County Council of Middlesex praying for an amendment to the school law respecting the number of trustees in incorporated villages.

Mr. Monk—Of the County Council of Carleton asking power to appoint a police magistrate and other officials.

Mr. Conmee—Of the Mayor of Port Arthur asking power to exempt taxes on Railway property.

Mr. Meredith—Of the London Street Railway asking increase of capital stock from $40,000 to $250,000.

Mr. Waters—Of the County Council of Middlesex asking that the council be given control of bridges of 100 feet in length and over.

The Poorhouse Return Granted.

Mr. Clarke—(Wellington) obtained the above mentioned order for a return showing the location of any houses of industry, poorhouses or similar institutions for the care of indigent persons now established in any of the cities, towns and counties in Ontario at the total or partial cost of any municipality, and distinguishing those partly and those wholly supported by such municipality; the number of inmates in each during 1887 and 1888, and their age and sex, with a specification of the supposed causes of pauperism and the length of detention; the dietary used; the amount expended upon buildings and lands; the extent of land annually under cultivation, and the returns therefrom; the annual money value of the products of the labor of the inmates; the per capita daily or annual cost of actual maintenance during 1887 and 1888; the number and salaries of attendants, surgeons and other officials; the number of inmates of such institutions in each of the years named regarded as imbecile, idiotic and insane, and of the blind, epileptic or deaf and dumb, and the number of committals of inmates of any such institution to cells or other solitary confinement as punishment in 1887 and 1888, and the period during which they were so held in confinement.

"This motion," the member from Wellington said, "asks for information which must be of great value to the Province."

The Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Meredith agreed that a great deal of benefit would be derived from the introduction of this motion. A great many people who composed the professional poor flocked to the places where they could be comfortably housed and fed. He had observed that the numbers of this class rapidly decreased when they were put to active manual work. This was a growing evil and should be dealt with by imposing the necessity on these outlying places to take care of their own poor. Mr. Meredith concluded by saying, "I am quite sure that the information which will be brought down in answer to this motion, the discussion that will follow and which has already taken place cannot be otherwise than beneficial."

Hon. A. S. Hardy thought the thanks of the House and the country at large were due to Mr. Clarke for bringing this matter up. The question was becoming year by year more important in this Province. The denser our population became so would the question grow in importance. The provision to make the County Councils provide poorhouses had some years ago been placed on the Statute book, but owing to the prejudice existing against anything approaching to the nature of a poor law the provision had been changed, leaving it optional for County Councils to provide these places of refuge. There was no doubt that the consensus of public opinion was in the direction of the establishment of such houses of industry and that it would serve a good end to make it obligatory upon all County Councils to establish the same. The hon. gentleman said he had been waited upon by Mr. Goldwin Smith, Mr. Pell and others on the subject a short time ago. They had advocated compulsory legislation. They had thought it was the duty of the House to place on record that all counties should maintain their own poor. Mr. Pell said that out of 68 persons to whom he had given tickets to the House of Industry in Toronto no less than 64 or 65 came from the outer counties. They therefore rightly thought it most important that the onus of responsibility to maintain the poor should be placed upon the locality where these persons resided.

A Supplementary Order.

Mr. Clarke also obtained an order for a return showing the amount paid out from municipal funds, either by direct grants or remission of taxes, in each municipality in Ontario, during 1887 or 1888, for the relief of poor and indigent persons, but not including any sum paid for the support of a House of Industry or similar institution; the number of indigents a permanent charge upon any municipality in 1887 and 1888; and the number of such indigents who received temporary aid from municipal funds in 1887 and 1888.

Mr. Clarke's contention is that the poor of the county could be maintained at a much cheaper rate if the co-operative system were adopted than when they are looked after by each individual township.

THE BROCKVILLE FORGERIES.

Victims Reticent as to Their Losses—Has the "Professor" a Nest Egg?

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 4.—There is still great interest here in the Kaufman case and much speculation as to the amounts lost by the "Professor's" various victims. The sufferers themselves are as dumb as the proverbial oyster and their legal representatives are becoming adept in the giving of equivocal replies. Mr. Ed. Comstock said last night that they had not calculated their losses as yet. He did not wish to talk on the matter. A loss that is large enough to make the Comstocks so desirous of not having it made public is much too large to attempt to figure on.

P. B. Macnamara holds $1392 worth of paper. He has only one forgery, that of Mr. Percy Woodcock's name to a contract for $350. He was out at Smith's Falls last week and the paper he holds signed by people there is all genuine, and a small payment had been made to Kaufman on one of the notes.

Speaking with a gentleman who did business with Kaufman for some time, a reporter of The Brockville Times asked if he thought the Professor had any money put away. The reply was: "Yes, I think he has. He never paid out any cash. Shaves, interest, and principal on all notes were paid by new notes, and he generally got some cash for himself out of the transaction."

"You do not think then," continued the reporter, "that the increase was brought about in the natural course of such proceedings, and that he is really no better off now than when he started."

"No, I am sure he has money somewhere."

There are many who agree with this view, there are others who hold that the heavy margins he allowed have, during the years in which he has been doing this sort of work, been piling up, until they represent the bulk of the indebtedness.

It is evident that if he gave $50 off a $350 contract and paid 20 per cent. interest on it he would at the end of the three years when he took it up have to execute a much larger forgery. Carrying on this sort of thing for fifteen years would naturally bring about an astounding increase in the face value of the paper he would have to keep afloat.

A Cure for Toothache.

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AMBITIOUS CITY NOTES.

The Christian Alliance Discuss the Faith Cure—A Painful Accident.

HAMILTON, Feb. 4.—The Christian Alliance continued its meetings at the First Methodist Church to-day, opening at 10 a.m. The subject dealt with was "Physical Healing Through Christ." Dr. Simpson spoke for an hour and a half on this topic, quoting numerous passages from both the Old and New Testaments in support of the belief that all diseases of the body can be healed by implicit faith in the divine power to perform the cure. Rev. C. W. Ryder followed, detailing his own experience of the benefit he had gained through prayer alone. He said, in his opinion, all sickness comes from the devil.

Judge Sinclair left this afternoon for the Pacific coast. The judge has three months' leave of absence. His daughter accompanied him.

George Scott, engineer at the Hamilton iron forging company's works, was struck by a lantern which fell off a platform last night, inflicting a painful scalp wound and knocking him senseless.

Rev. Hartley Carmichael, rector of the Church of the Ascension, has been waited upon by a deputation from Richmond, Va., and received a call to St. Paul's church of that city.

A meeting of Valancey E. Fuller's creditors was held this afternoon. The joint liabilities of Mrs. Cynthia Fuller, H. H. Fuller and V. E. Fuller amount to about $1,000,000. V. E. Fuller's personal liabilities are about $300,000, and the trustees say his estate will not pay more than 10 cents on the dollar on this amount.

George Brand and John McMenemy, who were arrested about 1 o'clock Sunday morning for burglarizing George T. Smith's grocery store at the corner of York and Inchbury-streets, and stealing a dozen bottles of ale, were remanded to-day at the Police Court until Friday.

Parsonage at Pembroke Burnt.

PEMBROKE, Feb. 4.—About 8.50 this morning a fire broke out in the Lutheran parsonage, which originated from the kitchen chimney. The house was totally destroyed, but almost all the furniture was saved. The loss is covered by insurance.

Personal Mention.

Jos. E. Seagram of Waterloo, is at the Rossin.

Alex. Robillard, M.P.P. for Russell, is at the Walker.

W. F. Anderson, Bakerville, B.C.; A. J. Seebach, Seebum, Man.; R. Swan, Victoria, B.C.; and N. R. Preston and wife, Winnipeg, are at the Walker.

W. H. Brownlee, St. Catharines; G. W. Ostrom, M.P.P., Trenton; J. S. Fox, Potsdam, N. Y.; W. A. McCullough, Uxbridge, are at the Palmer.

Mr. Wm. Sparling, inspector of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., has severed his connection with that institution and joined the agency staff of the North American Life.

G. M. Toomey, Halifax, N.S.; William Fleming, St. John, N.B.; E. W. Rathbun, Deseronto; G. W. Pangborn and W. S. Randolph, of the West Shore R.R., Buffalo, are at the Queen's.

Mr. John Livingston, editor and leader writer on The Empire, has been sick for some weeks and is slowly recovering. Mr. Farrer, editor and leader writer of The Mail, is still very ill and will not be in harness for weeks.

If the portly form of High School Trustee Patterson (Her Majesty's Typefounder) is not seen at the board meetings for the next five weeks it will be because of his absence on a business trip to the Pacific coast. He leaves to-night by the C. P. R.'s overland.

From Police Blotters.

Michael Fallon of the Model Lodging House was nabbed by Detective Burrows last night for the larceny of an overcoat.

John Lawless, 15 Trefann-street and Patrick Doyle of 105 Chestnut-street, are in custody, charged with stealing a goat skin from a wagon in St. Lawrence Market.

Mrs. P. O'Brien of 244 Monroe-street reports the loss of a gold watch from her house.

Timothy Caffery of 35 West-street and James Montgemery of 5 Henderson-avenue were arrested last night for trespass on property of the Walker House. They are supposed to be sneak thieves. A third pal escaped.

Fred Ramage, jr., 176 Monroe-street, was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing a set of harness from Thomas Morn of Eglinton, the stolen goods being found in Ramage's stable.

A Hamiltonian named L. Lipschitz complains of having lost $295 in or about the Union Station.

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Among the Societies.

The Orange Young Britons held their monthly meeting last night in Victoria Hall, W.M. Wm. Henry was in the chair. The business of the evening consisted in the initiation of candidates and a debate. P.G.M. Morrison and G.M. Taylor were present.

Excelsior Lodge A.O.U.W. No. 52 held its bi-monthly meeting in Shaftesbury Hall last night. Master Workman R. Doherty occupied the chair. The principal business of the evening consisted in arranging some details of the approaching concert on the 19th inst.

The Temperance Reformation Society rendered an interesting program at their concert last night, consisting of piano solos, recitations, songs and addresses. The chairman for the evening was Mr. Arthur Atkinson.

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TO RUN AT WOODBINE PARK

ENTRIES FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATE AND BREEDERS' STAKE

To Be Decided at the O. J. C. Meeting Next May—Racing at New Orleans—Toronto Curlers Beaten at Hamilton—Other Sporting News.

With the appearance of the entries to-day for the Queen's Plate and Breeders' Stake, to be run at the Ontario Jockey Club Meeting in May, Canadian turfmen will now have an opportunity to speculate on the prospects of the events. For Her Majesty's surprise, as it was expected that the nominations would be even larger than in 1888, but as the final closing of the Plate is not until May 1, there may probably be added several more to the list. Among the nominations will be noticed several of last year's candidates and also many strangers that have never faced the starter. There are several that have showed up fairly well in private, but on public performances the most of favorite should go to Fred Henry, who in 1885, 1886 and 1887 finished second in this event, but last year went amiss and did not start. The raising of the weights four pounds by the American Jockey Club, which will be adopted by the Ontario Jockey Club this year, and the allowance of three pounds to geldings having been done away with, will be somewhat in Fred Henry's favor. Should he train successfully this coming spring, his chances "on paper" look like "a good thing."

Cast Off is one of last year's candidates and has probably the best claim to be installed second favorite. As she was in poor shape and only beaten a head for the place, she in all probability will be made first favorite when the winter book opens. Evangeline, who just beat Cast Off, finishing second last year, is well thought of and will no doubt have many followers.

Among the three-year-olds the one most fancied is Bonnie Ino, who was a very promising two-year-old, though La Blanche and Colonist have showed to be very fast, but three-year-olds as a rule have never done well in the Plate, the spring in Canada not being early enough to get them in proper form. However little can be said of them until they commence track work, as many will improve from last year's form, while some will "go back."

As it is the first year of the Breeders' Stake the number entered is fairly good. Thought it was open to the whole Dominion, not one entry comes from Quebec. Of the lot Mr. Seagram's filly Bonnie Ino looks to have the best chance as she was raced last year, which gives her somewhat of an advantage. As the others have never performed in public it is hard at present to form an opinion of the most likely ones.

The entries for the Woodstock Plate are withheld pending the confirmation of certain entries made without a knowledge of the altered conditions of the race. The nominations for the Breeders' Stake for 1889, which also closed Feb. 1, will be given at the same time. Following are the conditions, entries and weights for the Queen's Plate and the Breeders' Stake for 1889:

The Queen's Plate of 50 guineas, added to a conditional sweepstake of $5 each at time of entry (Feb. 1, 1889) and an additional $5 unless declared out on or before (May 1, 1889). Entries can be made between Feb. 1 and May 1, on which day the stake finally closes by payment of $50 p. p. For all aged maidens, owned, bred, raised and trained in the Province of Ontario. Plate and stakes to winner. The club to give $75 to second horse and $50 to third. One mile and a-quarter.

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The Breeders' Stake, a sweepstake of $10 each to be paid at time of entry and additional $10 for starters, with $300 added, of which $75 to second and third to save his stake. For 3-year-olds (foals of 1886) foaled in the Dominion of Canada. Winners to carry 5 pounds extra. One mile and an eighth.

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Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 4.—Owing to several postponements last week on account of the wet weather, the Louisiana Jockey Club meeting was continued to-day. The weather was cool and track heavy. Results:

First race—Selling allowances; 1 mile. Electricity won by three lengths, Los Webster second and Lovelace third. Mollie Hardy and No More also ran. Time, 59½. Betting—4 to 5 against Electricity; 4 to 1 Los Webster and 6 to 1 Lovelace.

Second race—Selling allowances; 6 furlongs. Kee-Vee-Na won by three lengths, Dudley Oaks second and Duhme third. Benton also ran. Time, 1.29. Betting—7 to 5 against Kee-Vee-Na, 3 to 5 Dudley Oaks and 4 to 1 Duhme.

Third race—Selling allowances; 5 furlongs. Argenta won easily by three lengths from Florine second and Lord Grosvenor third. Dot and Gray Fox also ran. Time, 1.13½. Betting—3 to 5 against Argenta and 2 to 1 Lord Grosvenor.

Fourth race—A free handicap; 7 furlongs. Doubt won by a length with Hollywood second and Lida L. third, who was only a head before Henry Hardy. Ocean was last. Time, 1.43. Betting—1 to 2 against Doubt, 3 to 1 Hollywood and 15 to 1 Lida L.

Gossip of the Turf.

Mr. T. P. Phelan's new purchase McKenzie arrived in Toronto yesterday from New York.

Horsemen are invited to drive on the Glen Grove track. It is now in good condition. There will be trotting races for the local flyers on Saturday next.

The entries for the Cash Handicap, Dominion Handicap and Toronto Street Railway Steeplechase to be run at the O. J. C. May meeting will close on April 10.

Mr. Wm. Easton, the well known New York horseman, was in Toronto yesterday. He has been visiting Mr. Wm. Hendrie of Hamilton and had a look at Mr. Hendrie's thoroughbreds while there. The visitor was greatly surprised to find such an extensive breeding establishment in Canada.

A Jolly Gathering of Argonauts.

No better proof of the prosperity of the Argonaut Rowing Club could be adduced than the success of the series of free-and-easy smoking concerts which the members of this popular organization are giving this winter. One of the series came off last night and the damp, wet snow storm that came from the southeast did not present a large attendance of members and their friends who gleefully waded through drifts and across railway tracks to the cosy quarters of the club. The charm of these entertainments lies in their informality and the freedom of such an occasion was heartily enjoyed. The Argonauts have many singers and athletes and these contributed to a pleasant evening's entertainment. Dr. Frank Cowan and Messrs. Stuart, Dickey and Hall gave a banjo trio, and Dr. Cowan and Mr. C. Brooks rendered a piano duet, while Mr. Walter Stuart, Mr. Harry Wyatt and Mr. Grant Stewart, the latest popular addition to Toronto's musical and elocutionary circles, delighted the listeners. Not the least entertaining were the capital athletic antics of Messrs. T. McLean, C. A. Bogart, H. Munn, Martin, W. Cooke and J. W. Drynan; these consisted of exhibitions on the trapeze and horizontal bar, and of club-swinging and boxing.

The Thistles Beat Toronto.

HAMILTON, Feb. 4.—Three rinks of the Hamilton Thistles and three of the Toronto Curling Club of Toronto played a friendly match at Park-street rink this afternoon with the following result:

Thistles.		*Torontos.*	
RINK NO. 1.			
J S Hendrie,		Chas Taylor,	
Thos Hood,		Jno McCraken,	
Alex Gartshore,		J Bain,	
Jas Simpson, skip..	20	Geo McMurrich, skip.....	20
RINK NO. 2.			
A Burns,		Beverley Jones,	
Jno Smith,		J Shanklin,	
Hugh McKinnon,		R Snarr,	
J Kerner, skip.....	20	J Forbes, skip.....	11
RINK NO. 3.			
C W Mulligan,		C Davidson,	
Wm Southam,		T McGaw,	
J A Milne,		Capt. McCorquodale,	
John Harvey, skip.	22	J Wright, skip.....	9
Total.....	62	Total.....	40

Majority for Thistles, 22 shots.

Toronto Curlers, Look Out for Your Laurels.

On Saturday night five crack rinks of the Thistle Curling Club of Winnipeg left that city for Montreal to take part in any curling that may take place there during the Carnival. They intend to return via Ottawa and Toronto, where they desire to spend a few days with their eastern brithers on the ice. The city clubs will therefore do well in keeping their best curlers at home to receive their brithers from the Far West in a suitable manner, as they have decided to have a grand bonspiel in Winnipeg early in March to give the lads of the east an opportunity to recover any laurels they may lose during the coming raid of the boys from the Blizzard City.

A Reception to Skater Donoghue.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The Manhattan Athletic Club has appointed a committee of five to arrange for the reception home of Joseph F. Donoghue, M. A. C. Champion one and five miles skater of America and two and five mile champion of the World and holder of the world's records for two and five miles.

Sports of the Ice.

The Prospects will play the Scarboro Maple Leafs to-morrow afternoon at the Prospect Park rink for the Jubilee medal.

The skating race that was to have taken place last night at Moss Park rink for $100 a side was postponed till Thursday evening.

At the Prospect Park rink to-morrow evening there will be a fancy dress carnival and a ten mile skating race between Theals and McCutcheon.

A tankard match will be played this afternoon between Prospect Park and the Granites at the Mutual-street rink; the winners will play Stouffville to-morrow.

AT THE THEATRES.

"The Fugitive" and We, Us & Co."—American Opera Co. and Rhea.

It is a good thing for the theatre-going people of Toronto that the comedy melodrama entitled "The Fugitive is only fixed here for three nights and matinee, one of the performances having been given last night. Manager Sheppard has given us a fine bill of plays at the Grand this season, and out of the whole string since the opening this is the only one that ranks second with the accent on the rank, the other being happily forgotten. The weariness of these two may be well buried under the heaps of pleasing presentations. People who were at the Grand last night thought to see a stirring English melodrama such as "Lights o' London" or "Wages of Sin." They saw the makings of a strong play of the regular English melodramatic style, where the wealthy villain interferes with the love of the honest man and virtuous woman, and in which virtue triumphs and vice is knocked out. But the company was, to use an expressive but modern phrase, "very rocky." Mr. Mason Mitchell, a gentleman who has been seen here before on the stage, and who is perhaps best known to Canadians as having been a scout during the Riel Rebellion, played the hero and played it badly. The rest of the company is no better. The play includes all the old details of its kind, even including the shipwreck. There will be matinee to-morrow and the engagement will end to-morrow night.

"We, Us & Co."

This funny farce-comedy which the program calls "a superlatively whimsical musical absurdity," and which only pretends to have just so much plot as to introduce heaps of laughable comicalities, was put on at the Toronto Opera House last night for a week's run with matinees Thursday, to-morrow and Saturday. There is nothing serious in it and it does not travel on seriousness, but for those who want to see a comical medley of absurdities they could not do better than call on "We, Us & Co." There are many entertaining specialties.

Old Favorites Coming Again.

When the new American Opera Company appears at the Grand Opera House the latter part of this week the Toronto music lovers who enjoyed the performances of the National Opera Company last season will see many faces and hear many voices that they will recognize with pleasure. They will hear Franz Veltd, who created a furore in the role of Mephistopheles last year with his magnificent bass voice; he is only 29 years old. Chas. Bassett, the tenor, was heard in "Queen of Sheba" last year; he will be seen here as Riccardo and Edgar. That sterling tenor, William Castle, is to do "Fra Diavolo" and "Don Cesar de Bazan." The orchestra, chorus and ballet are large and under the direction of the well-known Conductor Gustav Hinrichs. The sale of seats begins this morning.

Rhea is Coming Back.

An engagement of general interest and enjoyment to all lovers of the legitimate drama is that of the distinguished artiste Rhea, who is announced for three nights and a matinee at the Grand Opera House, commencing on Monday next with Shakespeare's comedy of "Much Ado About Nothing," in which as Beatrice she has made a distinct and emphatic hit and won golden opinions for her admirable performance. On Tuesday evening Sardou's comedy of "A Dangerous Game" will be presented, and on Wednesday Scribe and Legouve's powerful play of "Adrien Lecouvreur," with Rhea in the title role.

The Albani Concert.

This grand musical event, which will take place in the Pavilion next Monday night, is going to be the event of the season. Those who have not secured seats had better hustle for the few that are left. The plan is open at Nordheimer's.

The Young People's Association of the Western Methodist churches of the city held a joint concert last night in the lecture room of the New Richmond Church, McCaul-street. Mr. G. J. Blackwell was in the chair and an entertaining program was presented.

The Gold Points and La Intimidads are beyond all comparison the best 5c and 10c cigars on the market. No retailer's stock is complete without them. The trade and jobbers only supplied wholesale at Spilling Bros., 115 Jarvis-street. 246

CANADIAN NOTES.

At Mattawa yesterday morning the thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero.

Samuel Long, who formerly resided at Hamilton, was accidentally shot and killed in Chicago last week.

Miss Marjory Sharpe, the St. Thomas young woman who swallowed carbolic acid, died yesterday.

The Hamilton Milk Dealers' Association have retained Mr. Staunton to fight the bylaw recently passed by the City Council.

In consequence of the illness of his wife, Jas. Enright, who lives near Rock Bay, became despondent and took a dose of Paris green. His life was saved.

Specifications have been made for the new dry dock at Kingston. Tenders will be called for by the Department of Public Works in two weeks.

Hooper & Co., druggists, new branch store, 358 Spadina-avenue, is now open, fully stocked and equipped with all the latest additions in pharmacy, and under their own personal supervision. 246

DEATHS.

SPOONER—At Duncan's Mills, Jan. 31, 1889, Jane brother-in-law, William Fraser, Mina E. Spooner, in the 27th year of her age, daughter of William A. Spooner of Midland, Ont. (now of Port Hope) and sister of Alonzo W. Spooner.

RAMSAY—On Sunday, Feb. 3, at 47 Sullivan-street, Rosa, beloved wife of J. J. Ramsay, aged 52 years.

Funeral at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

MOODIE—Suddenly, at his late residence, Windermere-avenue, on Sunday, Feb. 3, Robert Baldwin Moodie, youngest son of late J. W. Dunbar Moodie, aged 45 years and seven months.

Funeral at 2.30 Tuesday afternoon from Windermere to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

PUTTING OFF THE EVIL DAY

HOW THE BOARD OF WORKS IS DEALING WITH THE DON CHANNEL.

To Save Cost the Channel Is Made a Series of Banks—One of the Results of Engineer McCulloch's Negligence—What About the Gaps?

From the present outlook it does not appear at all within the probabilities that the Don difficulty will be solved this year. The work has progressed fairly so far and, money in plenty at command, would no doubt be completed within the next year. The unexpected cost of the improvement has set the city solons to work to discover some means of lessening it, with the result that in avoiding a present embarrassment they will in the future saddle Toronto with the cost of an addition to the scheme which under the circumstances cannot but prove enormous. According to first intentions the new channel of the Don was to have a uniform depth of 13 feet or thereabouts. In view of the great possibilities of the future it was rightly deemed necessary that the improvement should be so thorough that at no future time would the city find itself compelled to go over the work again. Now, however, a new plan has been adopted, which, while it may save the city a large sum at present, will, if the Don is to be open to commerce, result in an outlay the amount of which it is hard to calculate.

Not Clay but Hard Rock.

When the contract for the Don works was let, thanks to ex-Don engineer McCulloch, the Works Department was under the impression that there would be little or no shale along the line of the new channel. McCulloch through carelessness or worse did not make the proper soundings, and reported ordinary clay where, after examination when it was too late, were revealed big banks of the slatey rock. This, of course, was bad, but it was made worse by the fact that the contractors for the job had a clause inserted in the specifications which gave them $5 a yard for shale excavation. The engineer had consented to this price, being under the impression that there would be but little of this kind of excavation.

It did not take long to show, however, that though there was not exactly as much shale as clay, yet