SPORTING NEWS

Comment and Chat

In last week's Philadelphia Sporting Life, Addie L. Richardson, its Hamilton correspondent, has the following article:

Hamilton, Ontario, is anxious to secure a franchise in the Eastern League, and already offers have been made to the owners of the Montreal Club to purchase their franchise. It is declared that Montreal intends to stick, although it is claimed the club is about $7,000 in the hole. Hamilton is between Toronto and Buffalo, and teams going through one of the latter cities to the other pass through Hamilton. It is a place of about 75,000 population, and the people there are baseball crazy.

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In all baseball history there has not been such a pennant race as that with which the American League season is drawing to a close. Even the previous splendid races in this young major organization have been cast into the shadow this year, which finds as many as four clubs still pennant possibilities, and September half gone. At the present writing the prospects of the Athletics certainly appear the brightest. Just when the western clubs are chuckling over the fact that, while they had been tearing each other down in the west, Philadelphia has failed to gain substantiallly in her matches with the weaker eastern clubs, there has come a sudden collapse of the western teams, and the dice have been so juggled that in a two-day limit the Quakers have bounded to the front with the strongest advantage they have enjoyed during the year.

The next two weeks promise to be fraught with disaster for more than one of the ambitious teams. Soon the western clubs must start on that eastern trip. Although enjoying the advantage of a finish on their own grounds, the Athletics must meet the three western cracks—Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland—one after the other—and the fate of the pennant rests on these games.

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W. A. Collins, of Sunderland, the man who discovered Ben Howard, the Indian, who won two races at the Irish-Canadian games here, was in the city yesterday. He says he has two more Redmen like Howard in his string, and he will enter all three in the round-the-bay race on Thanksgiving Day.

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In discussing the conditions of the proposed Inter-Provincial Football League the Ottawa Journal says editorially:

"Themor al seems to us to be that not more in amateur sport than in anything else is it necessary for us in Canada to follow the precise letter of the law which prevails in other countries, for instance England, based upon social conditions which do not prevail in this country."

SELLING LOTS IN ENGLAND.

Brandon People Take Unusual Means to Help Boom the City.

London, Eng., Sept. 16.—Twenty-three hundred lots of building land in Brandon City will be auctioned off at Manchester. This is the first time such property has been sold here, and it may prove an effective method of stimulating small British capitalists to make Canada their home.

LAWYERS WANT MORE.

They, Too, Feel the "Increased Cost of Living."

Windsor, Sept. 16.—A meeting of the Essex County Bar Association will be held Thursday, at which the question of increasing legal fees will be discussed. Most of the barristers are in favor of boosting the scale of prices all along the line, in view of the increased cost of living. The lawyers claim they have been handing out advice and transacting documentary legal work too cheaply.

FAST LOCKS ON WELLAND.

Electrical Equipment to be Installed—Big Saving in Time.

Welland, Sept. 16.—Next year the bridges and locks of the Weland Canal will have electrical equipment. Designs are ready for the bridge motors, and the contract has been let for the lock motors. The time of passing through the canal will be reduced four hours, and of passing through each lock from twenty minutes to ten. The gates will be opened and closed in 35 seconds. The speedy operation of bridges will be a great convenience to the public.

TWO FAVORITES ONLY IN FRONT.

Hamilton Horse Akbar, Stopped in the Stretch.

Toronto Argos. Had a Practice Yesterday——Toronto W. E. Y. M. C. A. Enters Protest Against Longboat.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—A large crowd was at the second day's races of the Ontario Jockey Club's fall meeting. The weather was bright and warm and the track fast. The racing was spirited, with large fields in almost every event. The public was unable to pick the winners, as Merry England and John Dillon were the only winning favorites.

Merry England, backed down from 4 to 5 to 3 to 5, just got home by a neck in front of Ballot Box, the 4 to 1 second choice, who beat Loupania, the long shot of the race, by a nose. Loupania was cut off at the top of the stretch, or she would have been closer to the leaders. Two lengths back of Loupania was Earl Rogers, who was a neck in front of Cearfell, who had a lot of early speed.

Twelve youngsters went to the post in the second race at 5-1-2 furlongs, and Giles, at 7 to 1, was returned the winner after a drive through the stretch, beating Greendale a length. Truro, the pacemaker, tired after turning into the stretch, but got third money, a half length in front of Gaga. Catherine F., the 3 to 1 choice, had a rough journey, and, after moving up to third place, fell back in the stretch and finished in sixth position. Takbu ran out on the turn and carried Kitty Smith with him.

The Hamilton horse, Akbar, was the favorite in the last race at six furlongs, being backed down from 10 to 7 to 2. The horse flattered his backers by running in second place to the stretch, but dropped out of it at that point. Marquis de Carabas, at 30 to 1, set a hot pace for five furlongs, and was then passed out by Paul Clifford and Bonnie Reg, the former winning by a length. Paul Clifford and Bonnie Reg wer at 5 to 1 in the betting.

Following is the summary:

First race—Havoc purse for 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Merry England, 113 (McDaniel), 3 to, 5 and 1 to 4 and out, won; Ballot Box, 10 (Koerne), 5 to 1, 4 to 5, 1 to 3, 2; Lupania, 105 (Goldstein), 40 to 1, 10 to 1, and 4 to 1, 3. Time—1.13 2-5. Louisienne, Scarfell, Earl Rogers also ran.

Second race, Huron Purse, selling, for 2-year-olds, 5 1-2 furlongs—Giles, 109 (McDaniel), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, won; Greendale, 90 (Pothanka), 20 to 1, 8 to 1 and 7 to 5, 2; Truro, 150 (Englander), 20 to 1, 8 to 1 and 4 to 1, 3. Time—1.08. Bewitched, Kitty Smith, Catherine F., Gaga, Lexington, Lady Paul Pry, Moliere, Don Otiaro, K. Takbu also ran.

Third race, for all ages—Sally Preston, 104 (A. Martin), 3 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, and 1 to 2, won; Hawkama, 107 (V. Powers), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, 2; Kelpie, 99 (Mulcahey), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, 3. Time—1.41 1-5. Frescati, Old Colony, Sailor Girl, Col. Jack, Lyndhurst, Mooraker also ran.

Fourth race, Prim Purse, selling, for 4-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Fire Fang, 106 (Mudcahey), 7 to 2, 6 to 5, and 3 to 5, won; Venus, 101 (Quarrington), 2 9to 1, 6 to 1, and 3 to 1, 2; Fiat, 109 (J. Murphy), 5 to 2, even and 1 to 2, 3. Time—1.13 1-5. Orpen, Annie Berby, Kiamespa II., Demurrer, Cousin Kate, Herman Johnson also ran.

Fifth race, September steeplechase, added, 3-year-olds and up, 2 miles—John Dillon, 145 (Masoado), 4 to 1, 20 to 11 and even, won; Lights Out, 145 (Heider), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, 2; Arian, 150 (Rodrick), 6 to 1, 3 to 11, and 3 to 25, 3. Time—4.05. Father Catchem, Bilberry, Ohnet, Ruth's Rattler, Bill Cozier, Bank Holiday, Sam Parmer, Russell A., Billy Ray, J. G. C. Cardigan, Gold Run also ran.

TROTS AT COLUMBUS.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 17.—Four of the five races on the first programme of the Columbus Grand Circuit meeting were for pacers that went eleven heats in all the way from 2.04 to 2.09 1-4. Kruger, a positive choice for the Board of Trade Stake, was defeated by Jennie W., and the record for the event was cut to 2.04 1-2.

Leland Onward and Hidalgo, first and second choices for the Hotel Hartman Stake, each took a heat and then had a fierce duel in the third mile. Onward had the most reserve and won by a length.

Wilkesheart was picked as the best of the 2.10 trotters and Sterling McKinley played as second choice. The winner turned up in Axeyell, owned by N. W. Hubinger, of New Haven. This horse took a record of 2.06 1-4 in the second mile to keep clear of Siliko.

Eighteen 2.11 pacers were eligible to start and this race was split up into divisions. Eph. Cinders, about an equal favorite with Miss Syracuse, won the first division in straight heats. R. F. D. had all the speed of the second division performers. Salaries:

Board of Trade Stake: $3,000; for 2.07 pacers; three heats—

Jennie W., b.m., by Alcandar (Sunderlin)	1	1	1
Kruger, ch.h. (McDonald)	2	2	2
Aileen Wilson, blk.m. (Wilson)	3	3	5
Carrie B., ro.m. (King)	4	4	3

Clio S., Nancy H., Wilson Addington, also started. Time—2.04 1-2, 2.05, 2.06.

Hotel Hartman Stakes, $5,000; for 2.14 pacers; three heats—

Leland Onward, b.h., by Game Onward (T. Murphy)	1	4	1
Hiladgo, b.g., by Warren C. (L. McDonald)	4	1	2
Dana Patch, b.m. (Hersy)	5	2	5
William O., blk.g. (Geers)	2	9	7
General Gano, b.h. (Davis)	3	3	3

Major Mallow, Village Boy, Miss Jones, Grand Elder, Shaughran, Lady Patch, Reproachless, also started. Time—2.04 1-2, 2.04 3-4, 2.06 1-4.

2.10 class, trotting, 3 in 5; purse $1,200—

Axeyell, b.g., by Xeyone (Hyde)	1	1	1
Siliko, b.h. (McCarthy)	7	2	2
Wilkesheart, b.g. (Estelle)	2	3	3
Berice, b.g. (Smith)	3	5	7

Athasham, Betty Brook, Henry S., Sterling McKinney, Colonel Patrick, Ethel W. also started. Time—2.08 1-4, 2.06 1-4, 2.07 1-2.

2.11 class, pacing, first division, three in five; purse $12,000—

Eph. Cinders, ch.h., by Argosy (Christy)	1	1	1
Pasemaker, b.h. (Murphy)	8	2	2
Frank Besure, b.m. (Marriott)	2	4	6
Pure Gold, ch.h. (Jones)	3	9	3

Miss Syracuse, Electric Storm, Eloise, Colonel H., Sandyhal, also started. Time—2.06 1-4, 2.06 1-4, 2.09 1-4.

2.11 class, pacing, second division (unfinished)—

B. F. D., blk.g., by Kingmaker (Robinson)	1	1	
General Adelle, blk.h. (Davis)	2	4	
Lady Maud, ch.m. (McMahan)	6	2	
Arrow, b.g. (Cox)	3	6	

Miss Peller, Dr. Fox, Mixed Week, Davie K., Aileen, also started. Time—2.07 1-4, 2.07 3-4.

SHRUBB'S DEFI.

He Will Run Against Any Three Men in Canada.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—"Despatches from Hamilton regarding the question of bringing Billy Sherring and myself together give the idea that Sherring refuses to meet me because I want the best of the financial terms," said Alfred Shrubb to-day. "I never made him any definite offer for a race. As far as I am concerned we can soon come to terms if he wants a race, for I will give him almost any terms in reason. He doesn't want to race me, though, and says so in a letter to me. I want it understood that I never bargained with him for any division of the gate receipts.

"I am my own manager, and anybody who wants a race with me can have it at anything from two miles up. I want to issue a challenge to any three runners in Canada. I will meet any three runners in Canada for five miles, they to run in a relay against me. I will make a side bet, or will run them for a purse put up by a club. I'll run either in Toronto or at any place in Canada."

TORONTOS LOST.

Hrovidence Nine Beat the Maple Leafs Yesterday.

At Providence—The game yesterday between the home team and the Maple Leafs from Toronto was a gift to the former when Phyle, of the Toronto aggregation threw the ball over Jack Flynn's head with two men on bases in the ninth. Up to that inning the rivals had taken turns at leading, with neither team having any advantage, but with the score 7 to 6 against them the Providence team went to bat in the ninth and came over with the victory by a run. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Providence	8	13	4
Toronto	7	7	2

Batteries—Mack and Donovan; Moffit, Dolan and Carrigan.

At Jersey City—Montreal was shut out yesterday 2 to 0, but the tail-enders gave the Skeeters all they could do to annex the game. Jersey City made less hits than the Royals, but they fielded better and bunched their few wallops in the fourth. It was Keefe against Mason, and the pitching honors were about on an even basis. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Jersey City	2	3	0
Montreal	0	4	2

Batteries—Mason and Fitzgerald; Keefe and Clark.

At Baltimore—Pitchers Milligan and Knapp, of the Buffalo team, were both defeated to-day in a double-header, which Baltimore won by 3 to 1 and 5 to 2. Milligan pitched as good ball as did Adkins, but the Bisons' misplays were bad ones, and helped Baltimore to win the first half. The Buffalos did not show any improvement in form in the last game, making victory easy for the Orioles. Scores:

First game—	R.	H.	E.
Buffalo	1	6	4
Baltimore	3	7	1

Batteries—Milligan and Ryan; Adkins and Hearne.

Second game—	R.	H.	E.
Buffalo	2	10	6
Baltimore	5	7	2

Batteries—Knapp and Ryan; McCloskey and Byers.

At Newark—Newark and Rochester batted for eleven innings yesterday before the Colts finally romped home winners by 4 to 3. It made the second victory taken from the Bronchos. Pappalau and Wiltze were about even up in pitching, the errors of the victors playing a prominent part in the loss of the game. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Rochester	3	10	4
Newark	4	12	2

Batteries—Pappalau and Higgins; Wiltz and Stanage.

FOUL TIPS.

When Cleveland and Chicago played at Chicago on Sunday the attendance was 27,500, the largest in the history of the American League grounds. It was a 3 to 2 battle, Cleveland winning in the ninth.

ASHLEY'S PROTEST.

Toronto W. E. Claim That Longboat Did Not Qualify.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—The West End Y. M. C. A. have asked President Stark, of the C. A. A. U., to pass upon the status of certain competitors in the recent championship games. It is claimed that neither Longboat nor Jewell was qualified to run under the Irish-Canadians' colors. If this contention is upheld West End Y. M. C. A. will get the pennant, as its representatives scored 24 points, and the Irish-Canadians 20 points. If President Stary rules the other way, then the Irish-Canadians will have 25 points, and will get the big prize.

Mr. Stark said last night that West End Y. M. C. A. would not withdraw from the C. A. A. U. if the ruling was against them.

FORFEIT POSTED.

Bartl and Conkle's "Unknown" Likely to Meet at 155.

It looks as if Charlie Conkle's "Unknown" will be accommodated with a match by Demon Bartl at no distant date. Bartl's manager, E. C. Finley, sent a draft yesterday for $25 to the secretary of the Globe Athletic Club, as a forfeit for weight and appearance. He desires the match to take place at once for $100 a side and the gate receipts. The men are to weigh in at 155 pounds. It is now up to Conkle's "Unknown," and there is hardly any doubt but that he will jump at the chance of meeting "Acton's Unknown."

H. J. C. FALL MEET.

Crooks Get Programme and Refreshment Privileges.

Messrs. Crooks Bros. have been awarded the programme privileges, as well as the refreshment privileges, for the fall meeting of the Hamilton Jockey Club, which opens a week from to-morrow. The meeting promises to be very successful. There are about 500 stalls at the local track and accommodation can be had for about seventy-five or one hundred more horses within a radius of half a mile of the track, but Secretary Loudon has already more applications for stabling than he will be able to fill. Many large stables have arrived already. Three car loads of horses got in yesterday from Montreal. Among them were the horses owned by M. J. Daly, who does not race at Toronto, but who has always been a favorite with Hamilton patrons of the sport. R. Davidson arrived yesterday and his horses got in this morning. Many other stables are expected before the end of the week and when the horses now racing in Toronto are shipped here early next week the officers of the club will be at a loss to know where to put them all.

There will be at least six races on each day's card and one of them will be a steeplechase. Racing through the field has always been popular in Hamilton, and those who like to see the timber-toppers negotiate the obstacles will see better sport here this year than ever before. The conditions of the flat races have been carefully drawn, so as to ensure large and well-balanced fields, and the Hamilton fall meeting is going to be second to none held on the northern circuit this year.

SECONDS' "MANAGER."

Mr. Jos. Lawler Appointed by Tigers' Executive Last Night

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hamilton Football Club last night, Mr. Joseph B. Lawlor was appointed manager of the Tigers' Intermediate team. Mr. Lawlor has been an active members of the club for years and is popular with the players. He will prove a good manager.

The East End Defenders have open dates for full Rugby season and challenges any team average from 105 to 110. M. Loosemore, manager.

ARGOS. WERE OUT.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—The Argonaut first team had a light practice at Varsity field yesterday afternoon. Running, catching and punting were indulged in, but no tackling or line-bucking was tried. The team looks strong again, and the oarsmen and their friends are of the opinion that they have a championship outfit this season.

"Banty" Russell, Tommy Hay, Mara, Sale, McGuire, Julius Thompson and Johnnie Greey were in uniform. Pete Flett turned out in street clothes, and did a few punting stunts. "Soldier" Grant was an interested touch-line spectator, as was also Alex. Davidson, the big inside wing of the champion 'Varsity team of 1905. Outside Wing Guy Clarkson was there looking things over. Alex. Sinclair, Worthington, "Longboat" Taylor, the well-known Argo. stroke; Kent, last year with Galt; Maxwell, captain of Bishop Ridley College for the past couple of seasons, and others were also out. The team will hold regular practices hereafter, and as soon as the men round into shape signals and hard work will be gone into.

FREE KICKS.

"Chaucer" Elliott has reported to the Montreal club. He is to receive $700 for the football season as coach, with an additional $300 if the Quebec champions win the championship of the new Interprovincial Union.

De Gruchy will captain Upper Canada this season and will play centre half. The team is minus all of last year's wing line except Saunders.

FROSTED WHEAT.

The West Visited by a Severe Cold Snap.

Winnipeg, Sept. 12.—A damaging frost passed over the west last night, and the crop situation has been decidedly changed as a result. An estimate of the real effects of the low temepratures is not possible at this time, and it may be some weeks yet before the whole loss is known. It is reported but not confirmed that there were thirteen degrees of frost in some portions of northeastern Saskatchewan, and it is supposed that this spells the worst of the visitation. Thirteen degrees of frost would, of course, kill the growth of grain in the districts affected, and the extent of the damage depends upon the quantity of grain standing. It appears that in those parts where the frost was most severe the grain was very green, and it is feared that the loss will be heavy. The weather has been cold and disagreeable for the past 36 hours, but a slight improvement is noticed this evening. The temperature is well above freezing point at the principal centres throughout the west, and a heavy rain is falling at Winnipeg and other places along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The rain is likely to prevent a recurrence of last night's freezing weather, and even though it should retard the harvesting operations, it is welcomed as a safe alternative.

The amount of loss to the farmers by the frost will be governed largely by the percentage of grain which is now in the stock. An optimistic opinion of the situation in Manitoba is that 80 per cent. of the wheat has been saved, and that more than half of the coarse grains are also down.

On the whole, it is likely that the frost will cause a serious depreciation in the quality, if not in the quantity, of the grain produced in the three prairie Provinces.

Alberta seems to have come off better relatively than Saskatchewan. Several inches of snow are reported to have fallen in the territory between Calgary and the American boundary, and the weather all over the Province has been most unseasonable.

STUBBORN 12-HOUR FIGHT.

Imperial Reinforcements March Sixty Miles to Relief of City.

Hong Kong, Sept. 16.—A stubborn 12-hour engagement occurred yesterday between troops and insurgents at Lingshan City, in the Prefecture of Yungchow.

The imperial reinforcements marched 60 miles from Kwangsi and relieved the city.

The insurgents, who are moderately well armed, have severed telegraphic communication.

It is reported that the leaders of the new movement are emigrants who have returned from the Straits Settlements, and Annam, where they obtained their military stores. Gunboats are patrolling the coast to prevent smuggling.

MONEY IN ELECTIONS.

Hon. William Pugsley Replies to Mr. Borden.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 16.—Addressing the Fairville electors to-night Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, said in part "Mr. Borden is one of the gentlemen who know nothing of corruption being used in their own behalf. I don't pretend that no money was ever used to secure my election; I think there has been some. I know of a prominent Conservative from this Province who went to Nova Scotia and said there had been money spent on his election, but he thanked God it was always his own money. I know that $25,000 was spent in an effort to secure that man's election. If Mr. Borden is sincere he will make out a statement of the amount expended by the Conservative party in the election of 1904. I think the people would be startled if they knew the size of the amount and how it was raised. I would say $500,000 had been raised by corporations and others interested.

SAY JUSTICE IS LAX.

Complaint of a Deputation From Orangeville.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—That the administration of justice in the town of Orangeville and the county of Dufferin has been very lax for the past few years was the complaint made to the Attorney-General by an Orangeville deputation yesterday afternoon. A number of affidavits relative to ten or eleven different cases tried in the town, where Mr. Joseph Pattullo is Police Magistrate, were left with Hon. Mr. Foy. It is understood that several county and town Crown officials connected with the administration of justice are named in these papers. The latter included a resolution of the Town Council calling attention to the state of affairs, and a resolution from the County Council to the same effect.

Used Knives in Chatham.

Chatham, Sept. 16.—Knives were freely used in a fight between an Italian and some Syrians here this afternoon, but the police took the bunch before any serious damage was done.

Mike Vato, an Italian push cart man, wheeled his bananas up in front of Zakon Bros' store, next the Rankin House.

The Syrians rushed out at him, and for a minute it looked serious for the pedler. Knives were pulled and a general melee ensued.

PARCELS POST.

COL. VAN WAGNER WOULD LARGELY EXTEND SYSTEM.

Rates, He Argues, Should Be Lower—Make Postoffice a Common Carrier—Big Profits of Some Express Companies.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—The Friday evening newspapers note that Stanley Mills & Co. mailed a parcel of merchandise to British East Africa and that the postage on that parcel for the 6,000 miles carriage was one-fourth less than the postage would have been on the parcel if mailed to Dundas, a distance of six miles. A short time ago the T. Eaton Co. found that it cost less to express their catalogues from Toronto to St. Thomas, send a man from Toronto to distribute them, than to send them through the mail. The Government sends the quarterly militia lists to commanding officers by express instead of through their own postoffice. It is said that more than three-quarters of the newspapers and periodicals are sent to their destination by express. Several times of late it has been charged by people over the sea that Canada has a swelled head, and instead of being in the van as we imagine, we are trailing away behind civilized countries in many ways. Certainly we are in our postoffice administration. Go into the stores in the city and note how most every article in common use is put up in original packages. This tendency is increasing year by year, and commerce in its final stage consists of the delivery of parcels. One statement is sufficient to show how far our postoffice administration is behind that of European countries, namely, that the rate charged by the Canada postoffice for carrying parcels is six thousand per cent. greater than that charged by the German postoffice. First, in Canada a merchant must pay eighty cents postage for five pounds of machinery known as fourth class matter. If over five pounds in weight the parcel is refused at the postoffice. If registered an extra fee is charged, and registration involves a visit to the postoffice and loss of time. If the parcel is consigned to any but a town having a free delivery system, the postoffice will not deliver the parcel to the house. The fee for insurance is excessive and limited to twenty-five dollars compensation. Thanks to the superiority of the British postoffice, the same parcel might have been posted in the north of Scotland, carried through Edinburgh to Liverpool, carried across the Atlantic, taken in Canada post cars across the Canadian continent to the Pacific, across the channel to Vancouver and delivered to the remotest postoffice on that island for three-quarters of the postage we would pay between Hamilton and Dundas, and in addition the British merchant could have his parcel insured at nominal cost. Stanley Mills & Co. could have their parcels carried to Great Britain, from Great Britain to Egypt, through the Suez Canal to India, from India to Hong Kong, from Hong Kong to Shanghai (half way around the earth) and there delivered to the home of the receiver for twelve cents a pound (sixteen cents for the first pound), three-quarters of the the first pound), three-quarters of the postage our postoffice would charge him to send the parcel to Dundas. To Dundas he must pay sixteen cents a pound postage, and is limited to a weight of five pounds, and the consignee must go to the Dundas postoffice for the parcel. To a postal union country (the United States excepted) he can mail a parcel not exceeding eleven pounds in weight and the postage is twelve cents a pound. In Great Britain a parcel must not exceed eleven pounds in weight, and its combined length and girth must not exceed six feet. The postage is six cents for the first pound and two cents for every additional pound, that is twenty-four cents for the eleven-pound parcel. If the consignor wises he may receive a certificate of posting gratis, which entitles the sender to compensation not exceeding ten dollars for any parcel (with the exception of parcels containing eggs) lost or destroyed. If the parcel be registered, costing four cents, and a small fee (up to 28 cents) be added, compensation up to $600 will be allowed. In Great Britain the postoffice gives the utmost attainable speed and regularity of service in the carriage of parcels. A test was made of posting at the same time one hundred parcels, and sending one hundred similar parcels to the same recipients by the express companies. Of the parcels posted 71 per cent. were delivered before their duplicates entrusted to the companies. It would appear that no express company could survive this competition, but this is far from being the fact. Only lately the head of an express company bequeathed a million pounds to heirs, who are still in the business. Henniker Heaton, M. P., a leading British postal authority, claims that Great Britain is as far behind Germany in her postal system as Canada is behind Great Britain. The German postoffice may be regarded as the highest type of the arrangement existing in the greater part of the European continent. Broadly, the difference between the British and German posts is, the former only does postal work for the individual which he cannot do for himself, while the latter undertakes everything that it can do better than the individual can. The former resorts to the powers of state, with fear and reluctance; the latter works them for all they are worth.

The German post-ofice adopts the "Zone" system to the conveyance of goods. It is manifestly unfair that it should cost as much to send a parcel fifty as to send it a thousand miles. If Stanley Mills sends a parcel of shoes weighing five pounds ten miles out of Hamilton he pays eighty cents postage, sixteen cents a pound. If the shoes happen to weigh five and one quarter pounds he cannot mail them. But if Stanley Mills had their business in Germany he could have sent a box of shoes weighing up to twenty-five pounds the same distance of ten miles for six cents—or less than a quarter of a cent a pound. Because we are so foolish in this country to give representation in Parliament to provate interests, our merchants, manufacturers and farmers pay a tariff for parcels by post six thousand per cent. greater than Germany. John Wanamaker, ex-postmaster-general of the U. S., said that parcels could be carried at about one-twelfth of their present cost by the post-office, but for the influence in Congress of the four great inter-state express companies. The directors of the Adams express company lately distributed $24,000,000 of its surplus among its shareholders. No public utility like an express company has a right to continue to charge the public such exorbitant rates as to enable them to earn annually some 30 to 50 per cent. upon their capital stock as the majority of the express companies do. The case of the Adams express company alone is sufficient proof of this, for the present constitutes the second large distribution of the kind in the last nine years, a dividend of 100 per cent. in collateral trust bonds having been paid to stockholders in 1898.

This is one of the causes which is helping along R. L. Borden's proposed regulation of public utilities, and which has given political brigands in some of the states to south of us their opportunity of unfairly attacking all capital and corporations. While our post-office absolutely refuse to accept any package (for delivery in Canada) greater in weight than five pounds, Germany has found it good business to carry a parcel of 110 pounds. That 110 pounds will be carried from the north of Germany to the South of Austria for thirty cents. In addition the parcel is delivered at the home, and for a small fee it is insured. For sixty-two cents it is delivered "post-haste." One large package may be carried for less than many small ones, but our post-office has carefully limited the greatest of all conveniences to the magnificent weight of five pounds. We have spent millions with lavish hands in digging canals and building railways to build up our commerce and industries and then prevent our merchants and our manufacturers from reaping the reward of this outlay, by allowing the influence of the express companies to cripple the efficiency of the post-office.

A distinguishing feature of the German parcel posts is its rapidity of operation. Nearly every train carries mail and parcels and parcels are frequently delivered as soon as letters. It is needless to point out how vitally important this is to innumerable struggling little industries, such as the struggling farmer and market gardener. Flowers are received with the dew still gelittering on their petals. The roast for dinner, the linen for the children at boarding school, the seamstress' and tailors' work all go by mail. Parcels can be sent through the German post-office, C. O. D. A German merchant can pay a debt at a cost of one and one four-tenths of a cent through a postal cheque which has all the advantage of a post-office money order without going to the post-office, without spending a moment's time except for that required for drawing a cheque, and the Government becomes responsible for its proper payment. It has been claimed by some that the Canada post-office could not without loss carry parcels under sixteen cents per pound, but the post-office has for years been carrying newspapers and periodicals for one cent per pound, and this rate is so excessive that the post-office gets only from 10 to 25 per cent. of this business, the express companies taking the business away from the Government. At the meeting of the post-masters association in Toronto Inspector Ross pointed out that every reduction in postage in Canada had been followed by increased revenue. It is claimed that the rural mail delivery in the United States would be highly profitable if the post-office carried parcels at a reasonable rate. Contrast the rates. The Canada post-office carries parcels at 16 cents a pound; newspapers at one cent per pound. Great Britain carries parcels at 2 cents per pound. Germany carries parcels at one-quarter of a cent per lb. Canada limits the weight of parcels to 5 pounds. Great Britain to 11 pounds. Germany to 110 pounds. Our post-office lately determined to protect home-grown literature by applying a very high postal rate on the great American magazines many of which are a necessity to Canadians. The result is the subscription is raised to the amount of the extra postage (paid in American stamps to the American Government) to the Canadian subscribers and thus the Canadian subscribers pay annually an enormous sum to the American Government. No company should receive a railway charter without a condition compelling the carrying of parcels at a low rate.

H. P. Van Wagner.

TO INSPECT INDIAN MISSION.

Lutheran Evangelical Church Will Name Two Delegates.

Buffalo, Sept. 16.—The greater part of to-day's session of the general council of the Lutheran Evangelical Church of North America was taken up with the discussion of foreign missions and church extension projects.

A resolution was passed that two qualified members from different synods be selected by the general council to inspect the missions in India and report as soon as possible to the board.

Dr. Schmauk, who presided at to-day's meeting, said the purpose of having a committee visit the missions in India was not to investigate them so much as to make suggestions for their betterment and advancement.

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Buffalo	71	54	.568
Providence	66	61	.520
Newark	64	62	.508
Jersey City	63	64	.496
Baltimore	62	68	.477
Rochester	58	71	.450
Montreal	41	81	.336

NATIONAL.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Chicago	97	38	.719
Pittsburg	80	54	.597
New York	77	58	.570
Philadelphia	73	58	.557
Brooklyn	62	73	.459
Cincinnati	55	79	.411
Boston	51	81	.386
St. Louis	41	95	.301

AMERICAN.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Philadelphia	80	51	.611
Detroit	79	54	.594
Chicago	79	56	.585
Cleveland	77	57	.575
New York	63	70	.474
Boston	58	78	.427
St. Louis	55	78	.414
Washington	42	89	.320