PUBLIC BILLS BROUGHT IN.

Mr. Fielding Proposes to Further Amend the Insurance Act as to Reserved Funds.

FIX A STANDARD FOR SAFETY

Is the Principle of the Bill Respecting the Incorporation of Benevolent Societies.

Ottawa, April 26.—(Special.)—On the opening of the House to-day, Mr. Monk presented a petition from citizens of Montreal in favor of legislation against lotteries.

The Insurance Act.

Hon. Mr. Fielding asked for leave to introduce a bill to further amend the Insurance Act. He explained that the bill related to the rate of interest which it is asserted would be earned by insurance companies on their reserve funds. At present the complication of safety for policy-holders was based on the assumption that insurance companies would earn 4½ per cent. on their investments, but the rate of interest in the open market was tending downwards, so that this rate could not be any longer relied on, and it was proposed to place the rate of computation at 3½ per cent., which would apply to all new business from Jan. 1 next. With respect to existing business, a reasonable period would be allowed to elapse before the act shall become operative, and it will not, therefore, affect existing business for two years.

Powers of Investment.

Another important feature was in relation to the power of investment of the various companies, which has been dealt with by separate bills, and the powers of investment vary with different companies. Some companies have the right to invest in certain classes of securities, while others are denied that right. The intention is to take the latest judgment of Parliament on the question, and establish a standard under which all companies shall have the right of investment, not, however, to take away any rights of investment from any company which may have obtained any powers itself, but in the case of those companies a common standard shall be established, and all companies which are willing to come in under it are made to invest under this class of securities.

Mr. Sproule—That would widen the range of investment.

Hon. Mr. Fielding—It will widen the range for some companies, and will not take away any power which a company has under its own charter.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill read the first time.

Benevolent Societies.

The Hon. Mr. Fielding introduced the bill respecting the incorporation of benevolent societies. He said the House is aware that from time to time benevolent societies conducting insurance business under the laws of the several Provinces have been in the habit of applying to the Parliament of Canada for Dominion incorporation, and the question of the powers that may be properly conferred upon these companies by the Dominion has been a very vexed one for a number of years. Last year, it will be remembered, we had several bills of that character. One bill was accepted by the Government and insurance department, and passed by both branches of Parliament, whereby a standard was accepted, which it was thought was a standard of safety. Another bill of a less favorable standard passed this House, but did not become law. The association to which he referred is known as the Ancient Order of Foresters, and the purpose of the bill he was now introducing was to take the legislation of last session and make the standard accepted by that company as a proper standard of safety, and make provision that other companies incorporated by provincial authorities which may desire to obtain Dominion recognition may obtain it by something like letters patent by filing their papers and making the proper application. In this way they may obtain what is practically a Dominion incorporation under a general act without special legislation in each case. He did not intend to treat this measure in the ordinary way of Government bills, but would ask that it be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce, so that all the various companies may have an opportunity of appearing before the committee and stating their objections, if there be any objections to the policy outlined. The bill was read a first time.

Government Illustration Stations.

In reply to questions by Messrs. Dugas and Martin, the Minister of Agriculture announced the Government's intention to establish a tobacco-growing illustration station at St. Jacques, Montcalm, and agricultural illustration stations elsewhere as provided for in the estimates; also that in conjunction with the local Government experiments in spraying fruit trees and packing fruit would be made in Prince Edward Island. Mr. Martin was also informed that several poultry-feeding establishments would be started this session.

No Quebec Bridge.

Mr. Haggart enquired if the Government had asked for tenders for the Quebec bridge, to which Mr. Blair answered that the Government, not having asked Parliament for authority to construct such a bridge, had not asked for tenders.

N. S. and P. E. I. Mails.

Sir Richard Cartwright gave, in reply to a question by Mr. Macdonald (P.E.I.), the details of a contract entered into with Robert J. Leslie of Halifax for a mail and passenger service between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island ports and the Magdalen Islands, to be performed by the steamer St. Olaf for $9000 the season.

The Exodus to the States.

Mr. McAlister enquired if the attention of the Government had been drawn to the several despatches in The St. John Sun from places in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia noting the departure of scores of people for the United States.

In reply, Mr. Sifton made a speech, in which he said the telegrams appeared to him to be manufactured for political rather than news purposes, but he read an extract from The Mail and Empire, in which the statement was made that "Canadians are not going in any numbers to the United States."

The Tobacco Duties.

Mr. Cowan (Liberal, Essex), quoted a paragraph from a newspaper stating that the Government had given the Tobacco Association of Essex to understand that no change would be made in the tobacco duties and regulations during the present year.

Mr. Fielding said no such an announcement would be made before the budget.

Didn't Know They Were Lost.

Col. Hughes asked about the survey by Messrs. Dibble and Dupont from Edmonton towards the Yukon last summer and especially if the Government was "aware that one or both of the gentlemen named was lost for some weeks."

Mr. Sifton replied that Mr. Dibble was to commence operations near the mouths of the Parsnip and Omeneca Rivers and work westward, Mr. Dupont was to start from the same place and work east to Edmonton. The Government was not aware that either was lost for some weeks. The Government has Mr. Dupont's field notes, but not Mr. Dibble's.

The Duty on Coal Oil.

Mr. Moore (Con., Stanstead) moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this House it would be in the interest of the farming and laboring classes and the country generally to reduce the duty upon coal oil for illuminating and manufacturing purposes, that it would also be in the interest of the consumers of coal oil for lighting or manufacturing purposes to permit its storage in tanks, and its distribution therefrom also from tank cars in wagons or other suitable vehicles, to dealers and consumers, thus saving to the latter the cost of barrels and cooperage, and to take such means as may be deemed necessary to protect the Canadian people from the evil effects of trusts, combines and monopolies upon this important industry."

Consumers Not Considered.

Speaking to his motion the mover said both parties had given greater protection to coal oil than the consideration of the interests of the consumer justified. Oil, he said, which sold in the United States for 10 cents cost 25 cents in Canada. By allowing distribution in tank wagons the cost would be reduced about three cents a gallon, while if the privileges were allowed to dealers in Canadian oil only the duty could be reduced. He gave quoted figures to show that the duty was most oppressive.

Major Beattie, who moved the adjournment of the debate, contradicted many of the foregoing allegations, pointing out also the misleading nature of the charge that the Standard Oil Trust controlled the Canadian wells.

Messrs. Rogers (Patron), Oliver, and Richardson supported the resolution.

The Finance Minister supported Major Beattie's motion for adjournment of the debate, and the Minister of Inland Revenue pointed out the objections, from the consumers' standpoint, to the tank wagon distribution.

Mr. Clancy criticized the regulations and pointed to the fact that the reduction in the duty had not reduced the price of oil.

How the Trust Does It.

Mr. Clarke Wallace contended that by controlling the refineries the Standard Oil people controlled the output of coal oil and for this he blamed the Government. While the price of crude oil had fallen from $1.40 to $1.15 per barrel, the price of refined oil had increased.

After further discussion the motion of Major Beattie to adjourn the debate carried.

Mr. Monk, on a motion for returns, objected to the corporation of Montreal taking possession of the Champ de Mars.

After recess the act respecting Ottawa Electric Railway Company passed through the committee of the whole and stands for third reading.

Private Bills.

The following private bills passed through committee, were reported and read a third time:

Respecting the Alberta Immigration Company and to change its name to the Canadian Northwest Immigration Company.

Respecting the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway Company.

Respecting the Canada Southern Railway Company.

The act respecting the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway Company was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, as was also the act to incorporate the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company, and the act to incorporate the Algoma Central Railway.

The act respecting the Bronson and Western Lumber Company was read a second time and referred to standing committee on private bills.

The act respecting certain works constructed in or over navigable waters was read a third time and passed.

Casey's Drainage Bill.

Mr. Casey moved that his bill concerning drainage on and across the property of railway companies be referred to a small special committee, when it could be better discussed than if it was sent to the Railway Committee or considered in Committee of the Whole.

Sir Charles Tupper objected to so important a bill being sent to a small committee. The proper way was for the Government to assume responsibility for the bill.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed with the leader of the Opposition as to the importance of the bill and moved the adjournment of the debate, which was carried.

Mr. Britton's bill to amend the criminal code was discussed at some length, and on the motion of Sir Louis Davies the debate was adjourned.

Mr. McInnes in moving the second reading of his bill to amend the Naturalization Act explained that it was intended to render it more difficult than it is at present for Japanese and other foreigners in British Columbia to take out naturalization papers before a notary public and then obtain fishing licenses. He wanted all foreigners applying for naturalization to appear before a judge and answer certain questions.

Mr. Monk said the bill would not be at all suitable for the Province of Quebec, where the present act worked satisfactorily.

Mr. Davin thought it would cause great inconvenience in Manitoba and the Northwest, where farmers may have to drive forty or fifty miles to find a judge.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 10.30.

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BROWN FELL FIFTY FEET

Down an Elevator Shaft to a Concrete Floor and Escaped With a Couple of Broken Ribs.

Willie Brown, an employe of the Telfer Manufacturing Company, 6-10 Johnson-lane, walked into the open elevator shaft in that building yesterday afternoon, on the third floor, and fell to the ground floor.

When found by the other employes he did not appear to be seriously hurt, and was able to get up and walk. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained two broken ribs on the right side and a bruise to his shoulder.

Brown's escape from instant death was miraculous, as the distance he dropped was fully 50 feet, and the floor below is concrete.

He evidently alighted on his shoulder, and in that way had his ribs fractured by the vibration of the fall. The injured lad is 15 years of age, and lives at 1202 Yonge-street.

ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR.

The Details of the Ceremony in Connection With His Installation New Complete.

The details of the ceremony in connection with Archbishop O'Connor's installation have now been completed. The Most Rev. Archbishop Gauthier of Kingston will celebrate solemn Pontifical High Mass assisted by Rev. Father Sullivan, deacon, and Rev. Father Hand, sub-deacon. Very Rev. Father Marijon will be assistant priest. The Very Rev. Father McCann and Very Rev. Father Harris will be deacons of honor to Archbishop O'Connor.

Rev. Father Ryan, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, will read the papal brief, appointing Rev. Dr. O'Connor to Toronto Archdiocese, and Rev. Dean Eagan will read the priest's address. The Rev. Dr. Tracey will be master of ceremonies. Mr. J. J. Foy, M.L.A., will read the address of the laymen. Mr. S. R. Richardson will conduct the choir, and Mrs. C. Smith will preside at the organ.

COL. DOMVILLE SUSPENDED.

Possibility That Major-General Hutton Will Be Brought to Book by the Government.

Ottawa, April 26.—Col. Domville of the 8th Hussars, New Brunswick, has been suspended by General Hutton, and Brevet-Col. Markham takes command. The reason given for the change is that Col. Domville was absent without permission last November and December, also that he has been too long in command (15 years). Col. Domville resents being bounced in that way, and threatened to resign his seat in the House, until he was assured that the Government would take the matter up. Domville has a big following in the House, and it looks as though General Hutton may be requested to rescind the order, the same as General Gascoigne was requested to do in the case of Major Markham of the same corps. There has been ill-feeling between Domville and Markham, and the latter has laid charges which Col. Domville insists shall be tried by court-martial.

The Yukon Force.

In view of the reports from the Klondike district, suggesting the advisability of keeping the military force at its present strength, it is thought the proposed removal of a portion of the force will not take place, at all events until the boundary question has been settled.

LOCAL TOPICS.

Try Alive Bollard's famous cool smoking mixture, 30c quarter pound.

Principal Grant and Professor Ballantyne will conduct the services on Sunday in connection with Rev. D. C. Hossack's anniversary at Parkdale Presbyterian Church.

On Monday next the choir of the Woodgreen Methodist Church will sing at the Western Congregational Church on Spadina-avenue.

The Hamilton Steamboat Company have completed arrangements with the Canadian Pacific Railway for the sale of special tickets good going one way by boat and returning by train or vica versa. For further particulars apply at Hamilton Steamboat Company's office, Geddes wharf.

Those wishing to book for the Old Country via the Beaver line steamships would do well to call upon S. J. Sharp, western agent, 80 Yonge-street, and secure accommodation, as it is being rapidly filled up.

The Browning Club held its last meeting of the season last night. Prof. Alexander lectured.

The members of the Mandarin Club and their friends to the number of 150 held a highly enjoyable at home in Pythian Hall last night. A splendid orchestra was in attendance.

THE DEATH ROLL.

John Hall, a prominent resident of Blenheim Township, dropped dead in a shoe store at Woodstock yesterday. He was 74 years old.

Ex-Premier Gerlachstein of Austria is dead.

William Palling of Chatham Township, Ont., died on Tuesday. He had been sick all winter.

Vicious Dogs at Large.

Editor World: Someone living at or near the corner of Parliament and Carlton-streets owns a couple of dogs which have attacked me twice recently while passing that corner late at night. Do you think I would be justified if I were to poison these canines? Wellesley Street.

[No. Your plan is to find out quietly who owns the dogs. If they are vicious animals, and have attacked you, simply summon the owner to the Police Court. The Magistrate will do the rest. No person is entitled to permit vicious dogs to run at large on the streets at night.]

WAS PROMPTLY ACQUITTED.

The Fine Character of a Prominent Toronto Business Man, Charged With Receiving, Vindicated.

Last month farmer Walter Hopkins of Cooksville lost 25 grain bags from his sleigh at the Schiller House. Walter's brother John found the bags at Joseph White's place, 682 East Queen-street. White said he bought them, being very frank about the matter. Yesterday he was on trial before Judge McDougall, charged with receiving the bags, knowing them to have been stolen. Mr. DuVernet defended him. Mr. Dewart appearing for the Crown.

Bert Windsor, aged 14, of 175 Munro-street, swore that he stole the bags and gave them to two little fellows, who sold them to White. Tom Smith, aged 12, and Willis Windsor, aged 12, were the "little fellows." Bert stayed outside while the others made the sale. White, Bert swore, paid them 3½ cents for each of the bags.

Detective Siemin visited White's place, and White said he bought the bags, as he was collecting 100 for McIntosh; he didn't ask the boys where they got the bags; no opposition was made to Siemin's search. Siemin always considered White an upright citizen and reputable.

The defence called Mr. John Richardson, M.L.A., who testified to Mr. White's reputation for honesty. Detective Duncan, who had charge of the district for eight years, swore that White gave information to the police more than once as to stolen property, and is honest and straightforward. Dr. Caleb Martin, said: "I have dealt with him largely, and would trust him with untold goods; he would do no wrong, and is strictly honest." Clerk of the Peace H. E. Irwin testified that "no business man had a better character." Sheriff's Officer Alfred Harris and Thomas Wilkins also swore as to White's honesty and straightforward dealing.

Mr. White himself swore that he had been in business 24 years, and never was there a complaint against him; he pays from 2½ to 6 cents a bag, and buys thousands of them. He assisted the police in the identification; he didn't know these bags were stolen; in fact, he didn't even see the bags, for his own little boy was in the place when the bags were brought in; there was not the least suspicion that these bags were stolen.

Norman, the handsome little son of Mr. White, told the court about the boys; the father didn't see them. Mrs. White also spoke of the matter. This finished the case and Mr. Dewart gave it up. Judge McDougall said that no conviction could be made, and White was discharged.

GERMAN REPORT ABOUT SAMOA.

Commander of the Falke Blames Some of His Countrymen for the Ill-Feeling Engendered.

Berlin, April 26.—With the view of rectifying the reports of the discord said to exist between the three naval commanders at Samoa, The Nord Deutsche Zeitung publishes extracts to-day from the reports of the commander of the German warship Falke up to March 23, in which Captain Schoenfelder says:

"The wildest rumors are current concerning the relations between the officers and crew of the Falke and the Americans and English. The reports are due to some of our countrymen, who do not tire of creating ill-feeling between the officers and men of the three countries by promoting such rumors.

Relations Thoroughly Courteous.

"As a matter of fact, the relations between the different commanders and officers are thoroughly courteous and of an accommodating character. In spite of the arduous nature of his guard duty, Capt. Sturdee attended the funeral of a German sailor, Wichl, with a deputation of an officer and 16 men, and Admiral Kautz hoisted his flag at half-mast. No disputes have occurred between the German and the American or English crews. At a recent meeting, the military representatives of the three powers expressed indignation at the rumors and whenever the commanders and officers of the Falke meet the American and English officers and Consuls, social forms are strictly observed."

The Hostilities March 15.

Dealing with the commencement of hostilities on March 15, and the fact that a fragment of one of the Philadelphia's shells entered the German consulate, the report says: "The German consulate was not previously notified of the commencement of hostilities and was still inhabited. I immediately despatched an officer to inform Admiral Kautz that the German consulate was not evacuated, and that his shots had struck the building, and requested him to cease firing over Apia until the Germans were in safety. Admiral Kautz told the officer that, owing to my representations, he would not continue firing over Apia, and the following day he sent his flag lieutenant to me and expressed regret at the occurrence.

"Admiral Kautz, on March 15, directed that uniformed officers and men should be allowed to pass freely at all times. The Americans on guard duty were always most civil."

Great Bicycle Auction Sale on Saturday.

Messrs. Chas. M. Henderson & Co. will sell on Saturday next 53 valuable second-hand (high-grade) bicycles. Every wheel offered will be sold without the least reserve. The sale takes place at No. 73 King-street east (near Toronto-street).

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GREAT BRITAIN WILL CHIP IN

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A SUBSIDY, BUT NO OWNERSHIP

Colonies Will Have to Keep the Lines Working if the Donations Will Not Meet Expenses.

London, April 27.—The Times announces this morning that the British Government has decided to contribute an annual subsidy to the full amount recommended in the report of the Pacific Cable Committee of 1896 for the construction of a Pacific cable from British Columbia to Australia. After expressing its satisfaction with the Government's decision, The Times says: "It is not obvious why the Government have decided to pay a subsidy instead of joining on the same terms as Canada and the other colonies. The subsidy method seems to involve foregoing all shares in the probable profits, as well as the right of nominating commissioners in case the line pays, and the subsidy should no longer be required. If there be any alarm as to supersession by wireless telegraphy, that scare may be dismissed, as the new system does not promise to bridge vast space."

SALISBURY'S POLICY DEFENDED.

The Earl of Selborne Rejoices That the Anglo-Saxon Nations Are Now Friends.

London, April 26.—The Earl of Selborne, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, addressing a Conservative mass meeting this evening at St. Albans, Hertford, said he thought that if any justification of Lord Salisbury's policy were required, it was afforded by the present relations between the United States and Great Britain. "At a trying time," said His Lordship, "the Government preserved their self-control and waited for coolness, justice and common-sense to reassert themselves. Now the dark, miserable cloud which so long hung over the Anglo-Saxon peoples has drifted off. It is only a few days since British and American officers and men fell on the same field of conquest. They were not engaged in fratricidal strife, but were fighting shoulder to shoulder, and, small though the incident was, it will be of importance in the history of the world."

"All must regret," continued Lord Selborne, "the lamentable cause of the incident, but the only three nations concerned where what we term the three cousin nations of the world."

He remarked that he had no doubt America and Germany, in this matter, would prove as amenable as Great Britain to the dictates of common-sense.

Critics' Day at Royal Art Gallery.

London, April 26.—The press view of the Royal Art Gallery exhibition took place today. The pictures will be on public view from Monday next. The American artists are well to the front.

Crokinole at Eaton's.

The first annual crokinole tournament of the express department of the T. Eaton Company, Limited, has been going on for some time. Some very exciting games have been witnessed, especially in the semi-finals. The pitch of excitement was reached on Tuesday, the champion teams, Stewart and Machell and Butler and Flint meeting in a great conflict, the late winning by a small margin. In the finals Flint beat Butler for first honors, the game being close. The different series resulted as follows:

Dynock beat Manser, Thorne beat Keffer, Stewart beat Bean, Machell beat Greenway, Kekewich beat Hackett, Hasiam beat Penney, Butler beat Kirby, Flint beat Jores, Stewart beat Dynock, Machell beat Thorne, Butler beat Kekewich, Flint beat Hasiam.

Semi-finals—Butler beat Stewart, Flint beat Machell.

Final—Flint beat Butler.

Great praise is due to Harry Snell as manager and referee, as it was mostly by his efforts that the tournament was brought to such a successful issue.

Messrs. Tom Kains, W. L. Wickett and J. M. Glenn, St. Thomas, are registered at the Queen's.

Mr. James S. Hurst is on a trip to Calgary, N.W.T.

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The Queen Citys are open for challenges, average age 15 years. Address W. Manning, 40 Gildersleeve-avenue.

The Royal Oaks of the Senior City League have decided to change their name to the Globe, as they do not wish to conflict with the Royal Oaks of the Junior League. Outside teams wishing to get games should address George Walkem, 479½ Yonge-street.

The Young Dukes have reorganized, with these players: S. Sharpe rf., P. Lord p., W. Stormont 3b., H. Kerr c., J. O'Hearn ss., F. Owens lf., M. Lee 1b., J. Butler 2b., G. Taylor cf. They would like to arrange a game for Saturday, average age 13 years. Address W. Stormont, 99 West King-street.

The Wellingtons will meet this evening at the Hammill House, corner King and Bathurst-streets.

Harry Barlow, who played first base in Woodstock last summer, has gone to Palmerston for the season.

Freeman had a home run and a triple Tuesday in the game that Washington won from New York, and a third hit would have gone for four bags only Foster sprinted to the barb wire fence in deep right field in the ninth and grabbed the fly.

Speaking of little Jimmie's appearance Tuesday, with the Brooklyns, the New York Sun said: "Casey had very little to do in the field, but he hit the ball hard. It did not go safe, to be sure, but the precision with which he met the leather showed that his eye is in pretty good fix. He was placed at the top of the batting order and will probably be kept there.

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PLAYED HOOKEY FROM SCHOOL.

John Ryan Then Went to Niagara Falls and Got Into Trouble.

John Ryan, a 15-year-old lad who lives at 10 Leonard-avenue, played truant from school on Monday. His parents were notified of their son's absence from his studies, and when he did not return home in the evening they were very much alarmed. Although everything possible was done to find out the missing lad's whereabouts nothing was heard of him till yesterday. Word from Niagara Falls told of the boy's arrest there on a charge of tampering with a railway switch.

Its Finish, Five Years Hence.

The first move in the direction of starting work on the proposed Harbor-square on the bay, at the foot of Bome-street, was made yesterday morning. Only two men are engaged at present, and they are preparing planks for the foundation of the structure. City Inspector Snook is looking after the city's interests, and Bryce Bros. are the contractors.

It is the present intention of the city is carried out the work will not be completed for over five years. The crib-work will be filled in with the city garbage, and, as the depth is fully 25 feet, and the square will extend on a line parallel with the Argonaut Rowing Club, it will take a long time to fill it up.

Faster Ride to New York.

By the new time-table, which goes into effect on the C.P.R. next Sunday morning, the Hamilton locals will leave and arrive five minutes later than at present. The train from New York will arrive at Toronto at 10.50 instead of 10.40, and the time made, it is expected, will be much faster than the train at present is making.

New Mayor for Halifax.

Halifax, N.S., April 26.—Mayor Stephen was defeated for re-election to-day by James T. Hamilton, who had a majority of 762.

David Zinck and Matthias Conrad of the Lunenburg fishing schooner Corrie have been drowned on the Grand Banks. Zinck leaves a widow, who was a sister of Conrad.

Visited Old Haunts.

Mr. J. I. McIntosh of The Guelph Mercury called at the Provincial Secretary's office yesterday. Mr. McIntosh was once private secretary to Hon. Mr. Davis.

Tarte to Speak Here.

Negotiations are on to have the Minister of Public Works, Hon. J. Israel Tarte, address the Council of the Board of Trade to-morrow afternoon.

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Sporting Miscellany.

Willie Dunn, the famous golfer, is in Montreal, superintending the new course of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, the oldest club of its kind on the continent, it having been forced to lease land, which it proposes to convert into fine links.

The Gore Vales and St. Mary's Association will play a practice match on the old Athenaeum Bowling grounds to-night, at 6.30. The members of both teams are requested to be on hand early.

The C.A.A.O. committee meets at the Queen's on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Kennel Club will be held on May 5 at 8 p.m., in the Queen's Hotel.

A meeting of the Canadian Fox Terrier Club will be held Friday evening in the St. Charles' Cafe.

The annual meeting of the Granite Lawn Bowling Club will be held to-night at the club house, Church-street.

Eddie Connolly, that great little boxer from New Brunswick, who is to meet Mystery Kerwin of Chicago at the Olympic Club a week from next Monday night, has arrived in Buffalo. Connolly looks the picture of health, and appears to be somewhat heavier than when he boxed Jack Bennett at Toronto. He boxed Kerwin 20 rounds at St. Louis, and claims to have had the better of it, but got a draw from Tim Hurst, who refereed.

The New York World yesterday said: Charley Burns and John L. Scholes, the champion amateur boxer of Canada, have been matched to box for the world's amateur championship. The fight will probably come off in the fail. Of the proposed match The Sun said: It was suggested that Scholes be matched against Burns, who won the A.A.U. amateur championship, but the Canadian says that he has no intention of meeting Burns. He expects to try for the A.A.U. championship next year. Scholes is 20 years old and would never be taken for a boy who could "use his hands," as the sports say. He has no ambition to become a professional fighter and says he will always remain a Simon-pure amateur. The Athenaeum Club of that city has prepared a reception and will present him with a $250 watch.

Bicycle Briefs.

A meeting of the District Council of the C.W.A. will be held at the Athenaeum on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Cecil Elliott last night, paced by the Brantford triplet, with J. E. Rogers, F. A. Hanson and A. Sinclair up, rode a half in 42 2-5. The timers were H. Birch, J. D. Sutherland, S. J. Seymour.

The retiring officers of the Ramblers were tendered a banquet at the club house last night. The tables were laid out in the reception room in the form of a C, and reflected great credit on the caterer. A lengthy toast list followed the dinner, as follows: The Queen, Fair Canada, The C. W.A., responded to by F. H. Doley; The Canadian Road Club, by D. J. Kelly; Our Club, by J. McL. Hartley; Our Officers—Past and Present, John Simpson; Our Riders, Dave Colville; The Ladies, and The Press. The toast list was interspersed with vocal selections by Mr. Cham. Harrison and brother, and Master Bert Morrison; Mr. Harry Froman, accompanist.

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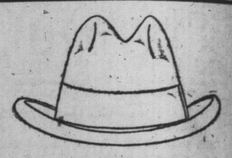

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Gossip of the Turf.

George Pepper returned from the Boston Horse Show on Tuesday evening. He carried off a good share of the prizes.

The track is now in good condition, and each day the horses are bettering their condition by slow gallops. Next week will more than likely see the trainers letting them down, and by the first of the following week the railbirds will be in evidence early in the morning shivering with the cold, only to find out at race week how little they have learned about the candidates.

The first accident of the year, and one that might have been a fatality, happened at the Woodbine yesterday. While Johnny Crandall was giving A. J. Tymon's plate candidate, Dr. Jack, a gallop on the track the horse suddenly wheeled around, throwing the boy from the saddle. Crandall's foot stuck in the stirrup, and he was dragged nearly a hundred yards, being badly bruised and shaken up, but fortunately no bones were broken. The injured lad was taken to the hotel, and it is expected he will be out before race week.

20 Years of Vile Catarrh—Chas. O. Brown, journalist of Duluth, Minn., writes: "I have been a sufferer from Throat and Nasal Catarrh for over 20 years, during which time my head has been stopped up and my condition truly miserable. Within 15 minutes after using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I obtained relief. Three bottles have almost, if not entirely, cured me."—92.

Malvern Football Tournament.

The Malvern Brass Band is holding a grand football tournament on May 24, when two handsome prizes will be offered for competition for first and second class Association teams. They would like to hear from the Gore Vales, Scots, Parkdales, Riversides, or any other club. For further information address the secretary, George Gray, Malvern P.O.