

but to Holland, and which was reluctantly dragged into the revolution of 1830. If the Clerical party, finding itself in power, ventures on strong measures of reaction, a fierce conflict will ensue, and it is not unlikely that the Liberals, if hard pressed, may stretch out their hands for aid to the neighbouring Republicans of France. The wave recedes, but the tide is advancing. Hitherto, in taking the French census, all who professed no religion have been set down as Catholics, Catholicism being the State religion. But the census has now, it seems, been taken on a different principle, and, as the result, it appears that there are seven millions and a-half of Frenchmen who profess no religion at all. As De Musset says, "Voltaire may rejoice in his grave, for his generation has come at last." But if there had been no religious persecution, no dragonnades or execution of Calas, there would have been no Voltaire; and if the Liberals in Belgium had been temperate in their use of power and respected the ancestral faith of the people, there would probably have been no Clerical reaction.

A BYSTANDER.

HERE AND THERE.

UNHAPPILY for the large numbers of Torontonians who delight in sailing, rowing, swimming—and, indeed, for all other residents—their beautiful Bay is at present in the most unsanitary condition. The cool lake breezes, which it has been customary to speak of as grateful and refreshing to the heated citizens in the dog days, have of late been heavy with foul gases, and constitute an element of great danger to the public health. To a considerable extent this is the result of the large numbers of dead and decomposing fish which from various causes have for some days covered the Bay and Lake; but those who are accustomed to the Bay can tell that the water has been getting steadily dirtier year by year—a result to be deplored, but not to cause astonishment, bearing in mind the amount of sewage that is constantly pouring into it. As if this were not enough, the city is gradually closing the Eastern Gap, with the ultimate intention, it is said, of making the Island a peninsula, and thus arresting the only means of purifying the Bay. The sole salvation of this sheet of water, from a sanitary standpoint, is the current that is set up by the wind driving the Lake waters across from the Eastern to the Western Gap, or *vice versa*, and to close one of these outlets would be suicidal—would make the Bay little better than a stagnant pond. The rôle of raven or alarmist is not an enviable one; but it is unfortunately only too apparent that if the pile-driving at the Eastern Gap of the Bay is continued, and the sewage is not diverted, a serious epidemic must result sooner or later.

THE Royal Canadian Yacht Club have just revived the old custom of placing their craft for one day in each week at the disposal of lady friends, as was done in the days of the "Ripple" and the "Geraldine." The Club has decided on devoting each Tuesday afternoon to ladies' sailing, and a committee has been appointed to arrange that all fair guests calling to go out on those days will be conveyed on board some yacht for that purpose. As the boats will manoeuvre together, the bay on Tuesday afternoon may be expected to present a gay appearance. At the termination of the "cruise" the ladies will be invited to take refreshments at the Club House.

ARRANGEMENTS for a lawn tennis tournament in Toronto have been completed. It is to take place on the Lawn Tennis Club's grounds on July 1st, and will be open to residents in Canada. The club will offer prizes for gentlemen's singles and doubles, and several matches will be arranged to come off during the tournament. It is intended also to have gentlemen's and ladies' (mixed) doubles. Entries have been received from London, Ottawa, and other places, and it is understood that other Toronto clubs will send competitors. The tournament will not interfere with the one fixed for September, which will be open to all comers.

THE "Amateur Fox Hunt Club" met on Hanlan's Island on Saturday, for what was pleased to be advertised as an afternoon's "sport." Possibly the novelties of the proceedings may have attracted many, as ladies were also present; but the sport—or, to call it by its right name, murder—witnessed will surely prevent such a scene of absolute cruelty again desecrating a place indissolubly connected with the name of a man renowned for fair play in all sport. For the amusement of these noble sportsmen (!) two bag foxes were carried across. The "pack"—why are there no mongrel names for mongrel sports?—was a most incongruous one. Dogs of all breeds, and dogs of no breed at all, for once met together on terms of equality, and sad to relate, dogs that have graced with honour the show bench were entered for degenerate sport like this. It is true the poor victims were given a few moments' law, then the yelling and yelping crew poured

after them, and soon the butchering was accomplished. We are told by a Toronto daily that the trophies of this noble hunt are to be seen in a King street hotel! It was but lately we had occasion to allude to a diabolical scene in New Jersey, where a fox which, having had one leg broken in a trap, was turned out for similar "sport," and because it would not, or rather was unable to, run, had turpentine poured over it! Is Canadian fox hunting, which at its best is but in its infancy, to degenerate into acts of cruelty like this? It is bad enough to turn out a bag fox, even in what some might term a legitimate manner, before a pack of hounds; at least, where woods or cover abound, it has some chance for its life. But what chance has a poor animal turned out of a bag on a spot which, like the Island, is without a vestige of cover, and where its every movement is visible? Pigeon-shooting is doomed in England on account of its cruelty, but pigeon-shooting at its worst never equalled the barbarous cruelty of hounding to death a poor animal, which for centuries has been associated with the noblest of Anglo-Saxon sports. It is to be hoped, in the cause of humanity in general, and for the sake of fox hunters in particular, no further meets of a similar nature may be recorded.

IN the Toronto sporting programme of Saturday the great difficulty was to decide what kind of sport to patronize. Those who favoured the lacrosse grounds were enabled to witness a stirring match between the Torontos and Caughnawaga Indians, in which the former were victorious by two games to one, though it is to be regretted that the match was again characterized by rough play, in which free fighting was once more indulged in, a member of each team being very properly ruled out. On the bay, both the Toronto and Argonaut Boat Clubs held their annual Club Spring Fours, over almost the same course—an arrangement, which seemed to give especial satisfaction to the friends of both clubs, who assembled in large numbers in response to the invitation to the "At Home" given at either boat-house, as a constant succession of heats was kept up through the afternoon, and some good contests were witnessed. In cricketing circles, the great attraction was the Upper Canada College "At Home," when a most interesting match was witnessed between the Residents and Non-Residents, by which the former, thanks to the magnificent batting of E. R. Ogden, pulled off the match by seven wickets. For the losers, A. Gillespie proved a tower of strength, but he had no one to back him up. For the intermediate lacrosse championship at Montreal, the Young Shamrocks defeated the Ontarios, of Toronto, by three games to one, the play, like that at home, being especially rough.

THE Toronto Conference of the United Methodist Church is now in convocation. A pleasant sign of the times which cannot fail to be appreciated by those interested in the Protestant Church is the visits of delegations from both the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches to their brother ministers now assembled. Though the differences which separate the three bodies cannot be ignored, yet the points of similarity are much more important and vital. In the present state of the Church the divers creeds which may be the distinguishing characteristics of either body need not be seized upon as subjects of animosity or irate discussion. The hearty reception accorded the visiting representatives, and the brotherly wishes extended on either side, would surely go far to dispel the truth of the words of Cowper, which in many instances, with the broad veil of Charity so often wanting, were unfortunately too frequently verified.

Religion should extinguish strife,
And make a calm of human life;
Yet friends who chance to differ
On points which God has left at large,
How freely will they fight and charge—
No combatants are stiffer.

It must also be remembered that John Wesley, the great founder of the body which bears his name, was, at one time, an Anglican minister, and up to the time of his death he retained a profound love and esteem for the time-honoured Church of England.

A CANADIAN ANTHEM, written and composed by Mr. Kerrison, will be performed at the concert to be given by the Toronto Choral Society during the coming Semi-Centennial celebration. The first verse is as follows:

God preserve our native land,
Fair Canada the free;
May His right hand
Protect our land,
And guard her liberty.
Then shall each valley,
Each mountain and plain,
Sing in glad chorus
The grand refrain:
Canada, fair Canada,
God's blessing rest on thee,
May His right hand
Protect our land
And guard her liberty.