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THE MERCHANTS' HANDICAP.

Erin Boy Wins in a Drive With Florence P. Second a Nose Away.

New Orleans, Feb. 5.—The Merchants' Handicap to-day proved to be one of the best contested races ever run over the track. The betting was heavy on the race. Florence P., who opened at 5 to 2, was backed to 7 to 5. Barry, Sentry, Maurice and Sun Up coupled at 9 to 2, were backed to 7 to 2. Emin Bey opened and closed at 7 to 2. The others receded in the betting. Blasco and Bloomer were the most fancied. They got away promptly to a beautiful start. Bloomer and Blasco made the running to the head of the stretch, with the others close up, with the exception of Florence P., who was badly cut off on the first furlong, and trailed her field to the last eighth pole. They were in a solid bunch at the head of the stretch and all driving. Thorpe, on Emin Bey, shot out of the bunch at the eighth pole, led by two lengths, with Blasco and Maurice next, heads apart, and Florence P. moving up fast. Maurice and Florence P. gained steadily, but Thorpe managed to land Emin a winner by a nose with Florence P. coming fast. Sims, on Maurice, thought he had won the race, and rode up in the ring before the judges' stand to dismount. Rouble, at 7 to 2, took the first in a hard drive. Terrapin, backed down from 3 to 8 to 5, took second. Koenigen, from 3 down to 2, took third in a gallop. The fifth proved a big dump, as McKee who was backed from 7 to 10 to 1 to 2, with Momus, were both beaten by My Hebe. The last race was run in a driving rainstorm. Starter Fitzgerald's work was very good, especially the handicap. Summaries:

First race, 7 furlongs—Rouble, 7 to 2, 1; Sisseretta, 8 to 1, 2; Mamie G., 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.33¾.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Terrapin, 8 to 5, 1; Vida, 5 to 1, 2; Marks, 16 to 5, 3. Time 1.19¾.

Third race, ½ mile—Koenigen, 5 to 2, 1; Ironstone, 4 to 1, 2; Attie H., 15 to 1, 3. Time 53.

Fourth race, 1¼ miles—Emin Bey, 7 to 2, 1; Maurice, 9 to 2, 2; Florence P., 7 to 5, 3. Time 2.10¼.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—My Hebe, 10 to 1, 1; McKee, 1 to 2, 2; Freedman, 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.20½.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—Stanza, 4 to 1, 1; Ondagus, 7 to 2, 2; Pulitzer, 7 to 1, 3. Time 1.33½.

Entries To-Day.

New Orleans, Feb. 5.—First race, 6 furlongs—Fritzie, 94; Little Billy, 102; Invade, Mendicant, Adah L., 105; Chicot, Chenoa, Le Grande, Wedgefield, 107; Minne Mackin, 109; Dick Behan, 113; Lawless, 114.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Running Maggie, Queen Lil, Maggie Harris, Flame, Lena, 100; Ben Wansley, Nectar, The Eel, Lechard, Tony Day, Judge Cook, Gladiola, 104.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Georgie Flynn, Sisseretta, 100; Peanuts, Joe F., Dan Murphy, Mettleman, Bertrand, War Song, 112; Albert S., 115.

Fourth race, mile—Dave Pulsifier, 116; Wedgefield, 96; Mendicant, 98; Eagle Bird, 106; George W., 104; Clarus, 102; Robert Latta, 117; Le Grande, 104; Chicot, 100; Constantine, 94; Judge Debouse, 94; Monarch, 10; Tancred, 98.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Massina, Hawthorne Belle, Effie Sabin, 97; Ferryman II., 89; Montevideo, 102; Connemara, Jimmie R., Kindora, 104; Bank Line, Coronet, Beatifice, Simrock, 107.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Perth, 89; Hippogriff, 94; New House, 96; Virginite, 100; Ondague, 103; Potsdam, 105; Jack Bradley, 136; Satinet, Hulburt, 107; Ed Glenn, 109; Rightmore, 110.

Goldduat Won the Steeplechase

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 5.—Weather fine; track slow.

First race, 6 furlongs—Joe Terry 1, Pearson 2, Veragua 3. Time 1.17.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Eckert 1, Modesto 2, Billy McCloskey 3. Time 1.36½.

Third race, mile—Installator 1, Rosebud 2, Bellicose 3. Time 1.41¾.

Fourth race, steeplechase, short course, ½ mile—Goldduat 1, Mont Alto 2, Cicero 3. Time 3.23¾.

Fifth race, 5½ furlongs—Clara Wilson 1, Myrtle H. 2, Duchess 3. Time 1.10.

Sixth race, mile—Wheel of Fortune 1, Hidalgo 2, Little Cripple 3. Time 1.43.

Dick French Defeats King Forest.

Port Hope, Feb. 5.—The ice races to-day resulted as follows:

2.20 trot:

E. Jackson's Dick French	3	2	1	1
J. J. Burns' King Forest	4	1	2	2
L. Austin's Blackstone	1	3	4	3
J. Daly's Demand	2	4	3	4

2.40 trot:

C. Howard's Golden Prince	1	1	1	1
J. Prentis's Sorrel Dan	2	2	3	dr
R. J. Hunt's Lulu B.	4	4	2	dr
E. Brown's Sandy B.	5	5	5	dr
L. G. Bennett's Lady Rysdyke	3	3	4	dr

Port Huron's Big Purses.

Port Huron, Mich., Feb. 5.—The Port Huron Driving Park Association held its annual meeting last night, elected officers and decided to hang up $15,000 in purses for this season's two meetings. It was also decided to spend at least $1000 for improvements on the track the present season. Officers were elected as follows: President, A. O. Graves; Vice-President, James Goulden; Board of Directors, Charles Grieb, Charles Williams, John G. O'Neill, F. J. Haynes, H. C. Krill, jr., F. J. Haslett, W. D. Smith and N. E. Thomas.

To Pilot Speeders of the Derby.

Milwaukee, Feb. 5.—Myron E. McHenry, the well-known driver, will not be seen on American tracks for some time. He has signed a five years' contract with the Imperial Stud stables of the Czar of Russia to drive in Russia. He will leave for Russia as soon as he can settle up his affairs in this country and dispose of some of his stock.

Johnny Wants a Short Race.

John S. Johnson, the bicyclist, is out west. A few days ago, when questioned about his match with Michael, he said: "Well, if that little Welshman takes me for a jay, and thinks that I am going to race him an all-day race he will get badly fooled. If he wants to race let him conform his distances to the popular demands of the day, which are for short races. If he wants to be fair, he can allow me one short race, and I'll allow him one long one, and then both settle on a middle distance, but I do not propose to chase around a track for an hour or a half a dozen hours simply to decide one race. He will have the advantage of whipping me at his home, if he whips me at all, and we will not allow him anything else he asks."

A Third Powers for the Inter-State.

Toledo, Feb. 5.—An inter-state six-club baseball league was formed in this city yesterday, the following cities being represented: Youngstown and Toledo, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Newcastle and Washington, Pa.; and Wheeling, W. Va. The representatives of the various clubs placed a guarantee of $500 to play out a five months' season, and C. B. Powers was elected president, secretary and treasurer. The league will apply for national protection under class A, and the salary limit will be placed at $1000. The directors will meet next month to arrange a schedule. The franchises were awarded as follows: A. A. Anderson, Youngstown; W. S. Wright, Wheeling; B. J. D. McKeown, Washington; J. L. McFate, Newcastle; William Myers, Fort Wayne; J. W. Gunnells, Toledo.

Baseball Brevities.

The National League's staff of umpires will include Lynch, Keefe, Weidman, Emslie, Hurst and Henderson.

It is claimed that John Montgomery Ward has a Western League franchise in sight, and it is to take charge and play in a Western League that he is trying to get his release from the New York Club. Ward wants to be in baseball for himself, a la Comiskey and Jimmie Manning.

Hoarseness and Sore Throat.

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Lindsay Won at Peterboro.

Peterboro, Feb. 5.—The final in the double-rink competition was played here this afternoon between Lindsay and Lakefield, but the two old victorious skips, Flavelle and McLennan, were too much for the other curlers, whose score was a very small one, while that of the Lindsay Club was made up of ends of seven downward. The following is the result:

Lindsay.		Lakefield.	
J. D. Flavelle, sk.	26	G. A. Strickland, s.	13
J. McLennan, skip.	21	R. C. Strickland, s.	14
Total	47	Total	27

Finals Next Week.

At a meeting of the Ontario Curling Association Match Committee yesterday it was decided to play the Ontario Tankard finals next week, starting Tuesday morning with the first draw. The final will be played on Granite ice.

In the Northern Hockey League.

Waubaushene hockeyists won another game from Coldwater Tuesday night by 10 to 3. The game was void of roughness. Following is the standing of the teams in the Northern Hockey League:

	Won.	Lost.	To play.
Waubaushene	3	0	3
Orillia	3	1	2
Midland	2	2	2
Coldwater	0	5	1

Athletic and General Notes.

At the hockey match at Montreal last night the Shamrocks defeated the Montreals by 5 goals to 3.

The professors at Ann Arbor will organize a gun club and will hold shoots every Saturday. The membership will be limited to 29.

If Bob Fitzsimmons whips Peter Maher this month he will try the Corbett scheme and make some money giving exhibitions before fighting again.

The Guelph Committee have decided that the Guelph Union and Royal City Clubs, who are in the final for the Sleeman Trophy, shall play off on Monday night in the centre of the large rink.

The match between Commerce and Dominion, scheduled for yesterday afternoon at the Granite rink, was called off on account of bad ice. It will probably be played on Monday afternoon.

Bettors who are inclined to back Bob Fitzsimmons against Peter Maher can obtain at this office the addresses of men who are willing to wager from $10 to $1000 that Maher will win the fight, writes W. E. Harding the Canadian sporting editor of The N. Y. Evening News.

So far Secretary Andrews of the Lincoln Park Club, Chicago, has received no official acceptance of the challenge sent to Toronto, but expects one shortly. Vencedor, the boat with which Commodore Berriman challenges the Royal Canadian fleet, is now under construction at Racine. Her general dimensions will be 45 feet on the water line and 65 over all. She is after a fin-keel model and is intended to show a careful adaptation of the Herreshoff idea to fresh water conditions. The acceptance of the challenge will transfer the interest which the America's Cup races have had for years past on salt water to the lakes, and Chicago will receive international credit for inaugurating the new departure, says The Times-Herald.

SPRING SHOE STYLES.

What Will be Worn This Spring and Next Summer.

Spring styles of shoes for men. The question is as absorbing as if it were intended for the fairer sex. Who more capable of dealing with the question than Mr. Charles Slater, the Slater shoe man, from Montreal? A World man had a peep at his samples yesterday. They were spread out in the buying department of Guinane Bros.' monster shoe house.

Before talking styles, Mr. Slater spoke of the success of the Slater shoe. "It has astonished us, and we expected much. Our factories are taxed to their highest capacity. We are beyond the experimental stage. The Slater shoe is known in every part of Canada, and last week we received a large order from one of the shoe dealers in Paris, France.

"Now, here are the twelve new shapes for 1896, spring and summer—the Globe, Capitol, Full French, Standard, Walkenphast, Broadway, Gladstone, Piccadilly, Saratoga, Narrow Pico., Waldorf and Napoleon.

"Look at this Waldorf. Is it not an ideal shoe? Made of the finest Russian calf in the world, from White Bros. & Co., leather makers, of Boston. In all shades, craven tan, in new colors, Chester, Cavendish, Havana and Tuxedo, either smooth finish or Bordeaux finish. I like that Waldorf shape.

"Not only art the shoes all made by the Goodyear welt, the perfect process, but they are made from the finest stock that can be put into shoes.

"The Waldorf and Napoleon will no doubt be the most popular shapes, with the Broadway and Saratoga close following.

"Some of the very narrow widths in all styles are shown, shoes that have been very hard to get in Toronto.

"This is an English idea," picking up a beautiful French enamelled leather boot, with rich velvet corduroy uppers, "and here is the leather that will displace patent leathers. It is French enamelled calf, wears better than any patent leather, lacks its faults and has the same dressy appearance.

"Here's another lovely boot. With the Goodyear welt, lighter shoes may be worn, and this Flower City kid leather we get from Hauzlet & Co. of Philadelphia, the Quaker City.

"Here's a very natty shoe, French enamel, with cork sole. This is a special shoe, quite new, for yachting. Some new ideas in tennis shoes, a football shoe that sporting goods people charge $5 for—we don't."

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TRAINING FOR THE BATTLE

PETER MAHER IS MORE THAN CONFIDENT.

Texans Sour on Fitzsimmons for Doing His Work Behind Closed Doors—Dan Stuart and the Battle Ground—Jim Hall in a Talking Mood—A Long List of Combinations.

Las Cruces, Feb. 5.—There is a hopeful atmosphere behind the training quarters at Las Cruces. When a correspondent visited the big house to-day he found Peter Maher being rubbed down in one room, while other trainers were working with Jerry Marshall, Johnny Murphy and Peter Burns. There are four fighters living under one roof getting ready to win purses amounting to about $20,000.

Jim Hall, looking as smooth and as trim as if he had never been in battle, was slapping the big Irishman on the chest and occasionally giving him a hard dig in the abdomen. Peter seems in much better condition than he did one week ago. His eye is clear and he looks well drawn; in fact, he says he is now two or three pounds lighter then he will be when he goes into the ring one week from next Friday.

"I'm going to weigh eight pounds more than I did when I fought Fitz before," said he. It is claimed that he weighed but 169 pounds at the New Orleans fight, and according to this estimate Peter expects to go in the ring at about 177. He believes that Fitz will weigh close on to 175.

Maher Already Down to Weight.

Jim Hall, who has been working with Maher since last Saturday, professes to have entire confidence that Fitz will be beaten.

"I don't believe that Fitz will last more than four rounds with him," said he this afternoon. "And it wouldn't surprise me much if Peter whipped him right off the reel."

He said that Maher was not working hard, because he was already strong and below weight, and didn't need to do much except improve his wind. This morning Maher took a twelve-mile outing, running about six miles of the distance. This afternoon he took plenty of exercise in the rink building, which is used as a gymnasium. What he enjoys most of all is kicking a football and running for it, and, although he stirs up such a cloud of dust that his visitors often retreat from the building choking and sneezing, he doesn't appear to mind it in the least. Unlike Fitz, he never cripples any of his trainers, and he goes about his exercise good-naturedly and acts very much like a small boy turned out to play.

They Run Foot Races.

This afternoon, while Jerry Marshall, the little colored fellow, was punching the bag, Maher and little Johnny Murphy were running foot races the length of the rink. Maher was a swift runner, and his sryness are shown to the best advantage when he is racing. All during his exercises he keeps up a running conversation with trainers and visitors. Whenever Fitz is at work he is as solemn and taciturn as an owl. He never seems to relax his ferocity as a natural-born fighter. Maher, on the other hand, simply plays with his trainers.

Johnny Murphy, who is to fight Jimmy Barry at 114 pounds, weighed a little less than 118 after returning from his run this morning. Jerry Marshall, who is to be at 122 when he meets Dixon, weighs 123 pounds. Both the little fellows seem to be all right.

Mysterious Lanky Bob.

El Paso, Feb. 15.—Matters were quiet in pugilistic circles here to-day. Fitzsimmons' decision to train in private has put a damper on the enthusiasm of the citizens, and many of them feel offended at the mysterious policy of the Australian.

The carnival proper will be variegated with several side issues of a very novel kind. There is a negro here who wants to be put in a pen with two dozen live rattlesnakes. He proposes to kill them all with his bare hands and to charge admission therefor. The football game between Dallas and El Paso will take place on the day before the fight.

The Place of Battle a Secret.

Dan Stuart adheres rigidly to his determination to keep the place of the fight a secret, and nobody thinks of inquiring nowadays. Several orders came in for tickets to-day, and Mr. Wheelock is kept busy attending to them.

Fitzsimmons took an extended spin on his bicycle to-day in the direction of Ysleta, close to this place. He ran onto a camp of Texas rangers. When the rangers recognized the Australian they jumped up with a yell, and in an instant the air was full of bullets. After a great deal of ammunition had been wasted the men surrounded Fitz, and for fifteen minutes the pugilist had his hand thoroughly pump handled.

"Has the presence of the rangers anything to do with the carnival?" This was the question asked by the sports when the presence of the rangers was made known. "We are here on business," said one of the rangers, "but it has nothing to do with the carnival." They were after the murderers of Col. Mountain and his son.

YESTERDAY'S POLICE DOCKET.

Thompson, the Would-be Wife Slayer, Bound Over—Other Offenders Who Appeared Before the Colonel.

Magistrate Denison yesterday committed Edward Thompson for trial on a charge of shooting with intent to kill Nellie Thompson, his wife, at 82 Portland-street, two weeks ago.

The personating case against Mary Strong was adjourned till Feb. 11, when a fine point of law raised by the prisoner's counsel, Mr. DuVernet, will be argued.

Jemima Mann, 68 Queen-street west, was charged with obstructing the police, who searched her place for liquor. Mr. DuVernet appeared for the prisoner, and argued that the police could not successfully press for a conviction, when the alleged obstruction occurred when they were visiting a house on a liquor warrant, which is under a civil statute, and their powers were limited to a proper search.

Joseph Johnston was captured by Policeman Sifton, while in the act of breaking into the office of E. Rogers & Co., 578 Queen-street west. Some carpenters' tools found on Johnston when he was arrested were identified as having been stolen from Fred Cooper, who has an establishment next to Rogers' office. Johnston pleaded not guilty to a charge of shopbreaking, and was remanded till Monday.

William McNeil, charged with assoulting old Dr. Case, was remanded till to-day.

George Blackie, one of the striking tailors, was accused of threatening a tailor named W. J. Cronyn, who is working. The case was adjourned till Monday, when similar charges against Henry Howard and Arthur Wilbur will also be tried.

John Bradshaw was fined $1 and costs for having ben concerned in a dog fight on Bathurst-street.

The College of Pharmacy.

The members of the council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy are holding their semi-annual meeting in the college building, this city, this week. The sessions began on Tuesday, and will likely continue till Friday.

The report of the registrar-treasurer shows the finances of the institution to be in a very healthy condition. The receipts for the year were $13,549.87, and the disbursements $5960.94, leaving a balance of $7588.93. The assets exceed the liabilities by $44,188.05.

At yesterday's session the report of the Legislation Committee was considered and some clauses of no public interest adopted. Other features of the report were referred back and will be taken up again later.

A Pair of Burglars Captured.

Two young toughs, giving their names as Wm. Macgurr, 100 Palmerston-avenue, and Charles McArthur, 57 Clarenmont-street, were arrested last night by P.C. Wilson (164), on a charge of attempting to rob a Chinaman named Tom Yuen, 664 King-street west. The men went into Yuen's store, pulled down the gas brackets, extinguished the lights and proceeded to rifle the establishment of its contents, when they were gathered in by the constable.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Evidently Little, for so Many are Possessed of the Same—Curiosities of the City Directory.

If a man's name chances to be Ebenezer Paderewski and he lives at Bobcaygeon, his name and position will be enough on an envelope meant to reach him without loss of time. When a city attains to a population of 200,000, common names are multiplied to such an extent that an address by street and number becomes a necessity, and a designation that might have been enough to identify a man when this place was known as Muddy Little York is nowadays wholly insufficient. Yet everybody knows that half the letters sent to Toronto from country places bear only the address "Toronto"; country folks in their simplicity thinking that enough, while clerks paid to address circulars do not hesitate to escape the trouble of consulting the city directory by omitting street and number in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred: much to their masters' loss and to the dismay of post-office sorters. The latest issue of The Toronto Directory contains not uninteresting evidence of the multiplicity of common names and initials.

For instance, taking up the directory and pouring over its pages, one finds that there are 24 J. Andersons, enrolled, 26 J. Armstrongs, but only 18 W. Armstrongs. The other multiplications are as follows:

Sixteen W. Bells, 12 J. Booths, 32 A. Browns, 26 E. Browns, 17 F. Browns, 25 G. Browns, 71 J. Browns, 27 W. Browns, 32 J. Campbells, 36 J. Clarks, 19 J. Clarkes, 14 J. Cooks, 21 J. Davises, 16 J. Dunns, 18 W. Grahams, 15 J. Grants, 25 J. Grays, 14 W. Halls, 24 J. Hamiltons, 14 W. Hamiltons, 18 J. Harrises, 29 J. Hendersons, 14 W. Hendersons, 16 A. Hills, 15 J. Hugheses, 24 J. Jacksons, 35 J. Johnstons, 15 J. Johnsons, 23 R. Johnstons, 22 W. Johnstons, 30 J. Joneses, 16 H. Joneses, 28 J. Kellys, 13 M. Kennedys, 12 W. Kerrs, 14 W. Lewises, 12 D. McDonalds, 25 J. McDonalds, 19 J. Macdonalds, 17 J. Marshalls, 23 J. Martins, 32 J. Millers, 14 A. Mitchells, 12 T. Mitchells, 23 J. Moores, 20 J. Morrisons, 37 J. Murphys, 18 J. O'Briens, 14 J. Robertses, 18 A. Robertsons, 29 J. Robertsons, 17 A. Robinsons, 19 W. Robinsons, 33 J. Robinsons, 26 J. Rosses, 19 J. Russells, 19 M. Ryans, 30 J. Ryans, 11 G. Scotts, 35 J. Scotts, 21 W. Scotts, 18 J. Shaws, 52 A. Smiths, 28 C. Smiths, 41 E. Smiths, 28 F. Smiths, 25 G. Smiths, 26 H. Smiths, 91 J. Smiths, 34 M. Smiths, 24 R. Smiths, 31 S. Smiths, 23 T. Smiths, 30 W. Smiths, 33 J. Stewarts, 20 W. Stewarts, 19 J. Sullivans, 20 M. Sullivans, 24 A. Taylors, 41 J. Taylors, 19 T. Taylors, 25 W. Taylors, 19 A. Thompsons, 16 G. Thompsons, 53 J. Thompsons, 26 R. Thompsons, 24 J. Walkers, 24 J. Watsons, 18 A. Whites, 22 W. Whites, 27 J. Williamses, 26 A. Wilsons, 54 J. Wilsons, 19 T. Wilsons, 26 W. Wilsons, 25 J. Wrights, 14 A. Youngs, 23 J. Youngs.

SIR OLIVER STILL PREMIER.

The Report That He is to Resign Semi-Officially Denied.

An evening paper has, during the past few days, published a series of paragraphs stating that Sir Oliver Mowat is to resign the Attorney-Generalship of Ontario, and free-handed assist Mr. Laurier in the pending Dominion election campaign.

This statement is, however, generally discredited, as there is every indication that the little Premier will hold on to the reins of Government for some time to come. Of course, it is not unlikely that Sir Oliver will, at a not very remote date, make way for Hon. Mr. Hardy, for a public man who has arrived at the Attorney-General's age may at any time relinquish his public career and spend his closing days in peace and quietness.

But if one may judge from the virility and general alertness of mind and body displayed by him in the Council Chamber, the Premier has no immediate intention of retiring from a public career. His is still the master mind at the Board, and he it is who shrewdly questions and cross-questions the deputations who wait upon the Government with a view to obtaining financial and other favors.

A prominent official at the Parliament Buildings, who should know the Premier's mind, if any one does, has in the hearing of a World reporter declared the evening journalist's story to be foundationless and ridiculous.

Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire.

James Willard, a bad young man, who has just completed a six months term in the Central for larceny, will be taken from that institution to-day and removed to Kingston Penitentiary, where he will serve the next seven years. He received this sentence from Judge McDougall at the September sessions, for his connection with a number of burglaries in Weston, Richmond Hill, Scarboro and the surrounding country.

A Serious Runaway.

Samuel Martin of Sandhill drove to the city yesterday with a load of chickens. He got out of his rig opposite Fletcher's stove store, 144 Dundas-street, and his horse became frightened at an electric car. Martin, who is an old man, clung to the horse's head, but the equine reared and dashed through Fletcher's plate glass window, carrying Martin with it. The old man was cut about the head and face, and the police ambulance removed him to the General Hospital.

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Local Jottings.

Skating parties from the city and vicinity will find capital accommodation and every facility at the Thornhill covered skating rink.

At Association Hall to-night Hon. G. W. Ross will speak on "Canadian Heroism." Chancellor Burwash of Victoria University will preside.

"L. & S." brand hams, bacon and lard is a little dearer in price, but it more than makes up in quality. Cheapness in any article counts against its quality.

The York Rangers will hold a reunion at No. 6 Teraulay-street on Thursday of next week, at 8 p.m. All members of corps are requested to attend.

It is expected that to-day the Minister of Education will give a ruling on the school section boundary dispute between the County of Wentworth and the Township of Barton.

A deputation from the Pickerel River Improvement Company waited upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands again yesterday. Another appointment is fixed for 10.30 this morning.

The late F. G. Polson, whose sudden death on Monday has already been chronicled, was a member of the Queen's Own regiment during the Fenian Raid, and took part with that regiment in the encounter at Ridgeway.

The grievances of G.T.R. signalmen who occupy cabins along the tracks in Toronto are said to have been satisfactorily adjusted. The cause of the dissatisfaction was a threatened decrease in wages.

The second of the "Don't Miss It" series of amateur entertainments for the benefit of the poor and needy of the city will be held at Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina-avenue, to-morrow evening. The entertainment will consist of music, song and story.

LAST BRICK HAS BEEN LAID

IN THE NEW RAILWAY TUNNEL AT HAMILTON.

The Work Has Cost $350,000—Fined For Disturbing a Religous Service—The Sewage Nuisance Still Troubling Hamiltonians—Grants to Charitable Institutions—Mrs. Thomson's Will—Entered For the New York Bench Show.

Hamilton, Feb. 5.—The last brick of the T.,H. & B. tunnel on Hunter-street was laid to-day, and by the end of next week the street will be filled in and in shape for traffic, although it will not be macadamized until the spring. The tunnel has cost about $350,000, and is one of the most extensive pieces of work ever done in the city.

Arthur Hurday, William Shackle and Charles Brennan were fined $2 each at the Police Court to-day, for disturbing a religious service on Stuart-street. William Riddell, a Toronto man, was fined $3 for fighting, and Herbert Marshall, who threw the snowball which hit Alice Allingham, was dismissed.

Ex-Ald. Hancock has suggested that a good plan to abate the nuisance caused by the discharge of sewage into the bay is to construct near the outlets of each of the four main sewers a series of catch pipes, to hold the solid portion of the sewage, at a total cost of $28.132.

The liabilities of Griffith & Co. are said to be $17,000.

At a meeting of the sub-committee on the application for grants for charitable institutions, it was decided to adopt the per capita system, giving five cents a day for each inmate from the city, and two cents a day for others.

A. E. Hersee of the Hamilton Hardware Co. was this afternoon married to Miss New, niece of Henry New.

The will of the late Mrs. Catharine A. Thomson has been entered for probate. The estate amounts to $48,696.50, and is bequeathed to her son, George C. Thomson, barrister.

The following Hamilton dogs are entered for the New York bench show on Feb. 19 to 22: R. B. Harris' Irish terrier, Brien O.K.; R. Wodehouse's red cocker, Hamilton Jack; Joe Kennedy's Manchester terrier, Rhodes Orme, Irish terrier Brickbat Junior and another Irish terrier.

At the meeeting of the Fire and Water Committee to-night the estimates for the year were fixed. Those for the Waterworks Department were $80,000, $42,000 for construction, and $38,000 for expenditure, and for the Fire Department $41,500, which is $2000 more than last year's estimates, and includes $3500 for the new West End firehall. It was decided to have the union label on the firemen's clothing.

Subscribers of The Sunday World have their papers now delivered in this city on Saturday night. Subscriptions for the paper can be left in The World office, Arcade.

HAMILTON'S SCHOOL BOARD.

Inaugural Meeting Held Last Night—Selection of Committees.

Hamilton, Feb. 5.—The organization meeting of the Board of Education was held to-night, and Mr. W. J. Grant was elected chairman. The officers of the board are: Thomas Beasley, secretary; S. H. Kent, assistant-secretary; Alex Stuart, treasurer; Charles Smith, messenger; all at the same salaries as last year. Hon. J.M. Gibson was appointed solicitor and W. F. Burton member of the Public Library Board.

The striking committee reported as follows:

Internal Management Committee—Messrs. Dexter, Jones, Mason, Clucas, Dailey, McPherson, Pettigrew, Woolverton, Chisholm and McLaren.

Finance—Messrs. Murray, Pratt, Zimmerman and Brennan.

Building—Messrs. Lazier, New, Cooper, Shaw, Turner and Furlong.

An amendment was carried by which Mr. Clucas' name was substituted on the Building Committee for Mr. Cooper's.

J. J. Mason was elected chairman of the Internal Management Committee; Hugh Murray of the Finance Committee, and Alex Turner of the Building Committee.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

New Officers Chosen and a Number of Timely Resolutions Passed.

At the annual meeting of the association, the following officers were elected for the year:

President, ex-Ald. D. M. Defoe; first vice-president, Charles Bugg; second vice-president, Dr. S. G. Thompson; third vice-president, Richard Reynolds; secretary, William J. Langford; treasuere, A. H. Sinclair.

The different committees were also nominated for the year, and the following resolutions passed:

"That the proposed application for more funds to complete the City Buildings meets with the strongest disapproval of this associaton; and that this association shall oppose any such powers being granted by the Legislature. While we consider that the buildings should be completed as soon as possible, to allow of their occupation, we would recommend that the tower and other merely ornamental parts of the structure be left unfinished for the present.

"That this association should at once seek the legislation necessary to make the qualification for alderman of a substantial nature.

"That this association approves of the determination of the Mayor, as expressed in his inaugural address, to reduce the expenditure of the city.

"That this association emphatically protests against the abolition of property qualification for aldermen for the city of Toronto, and considers that the Mayor should see that the present or existing qualification be exacted.

"That the garnishee law be so amended that the salaries or wages of government officials be liable to attachment.

"That this association is of the opinion that the present rate of fire insurance is extravagantly high, considering the large expenditure during the past year for fire appliances, and the present efficiency of the fire department.

"That the rate of taxation for this year should not exceed 14 mills on the dollar."

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Why the Cars Are Overcrowded.

With reference to the proposed arrangement between President McKenzie and the City Engineer to keep the number of passengers on street cars at the legal figure by aid of the police, Roadmaster Nix made a statement yesterday. He said that the overcrowding of certain cars at 6 p.m. was due to the fact that everybody on the crowded corners wishes to board the first car that comes. According to his observation, wayfarers repeatedly refused to wait for the cars immediately following and treat with contempt all requests to do so made by the roadmaster and his assistants. This is why the company wishes to be backed up by the police in protecting themselves from prosecution for overcrowding.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints.

Proposed Pan-American Congress.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Senor Carbo, the new Minister from Ecuador to the United States, has made public the circular addressed by Ignacio Robles, Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the diplomatic representatives of the South American and Central American States, suggesting the holding of a pan-American Congress during the coming summer.

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