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At the showers of the city public schools were present at the regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Teachers' Institute, held yesterday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. hall, and took part in the assembly in the chair. The feature of the day was the discussion of the old subject of contention—"Corporal Punishment." The topic was introduced by Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, who read a carefully prepared paper in which she was affirmative. Her view is that corporal punishment should be held as a mighty repressive force—a last resort, but a necessary one. She pointed out that children must be taught to respect law and authority, and that offences against constituted authority bring punishment. She also taught the lesson of after-life, that discipline is as well as punishment, and that the distasteful as well as the agreeable must often be done. She opposed suspension as bad for the pupil and injurious to the school. She also pointed out the alleged brutality of corporal punishment, she pointed out that the punishment was not degrading, but the offending punished—it was degrading to threaten punishment than to fulfil it. The use of consequences was especially applicable to school life—if one thrust his finger into the fire, he would be burned. The negative was taken by Mr. W. D. McNeill, of the West, who argued that corporal punishment was not between teacher and pupil, and is a specimen of legalized brutality—unnecessary and barbarous. He pointed out that the use of whips to save time. Osherson, who discussed the question pro and con. Mr. McNeill, McNeill, Deatherby and Paul and Miss Rose, McNeill, notwithstanding the necessity of corporal punishment, and Mr. McNeill, McNeill, McNeill and Miss Lawson argued against it. The resolution was presented on the subject, the

CAPTAIN COX—who, as president for two years of the British Columbia Sealers' Association, speaks with peculiar authority—is now in London, and gives an almost hopeless picture of the seal industry. He is awarded upon the British Columbia seal industry. The close season laid down in the regulations is, he claims, fixed in entire disregard of the habits of the seal, as reported by the most experienced and expert sealmen, and in entire disregard of common-sense too; and for this and other reasons, into which we have no space to enter, he claims that the sealers, he says, should, if adopted by the other foreign powers, to crush out this Colonial industry. This means the destroying of an industry yielding some \$750,000 to British subjects and the complete destruction of the seal—far the seal, for that, he claims, the regulations cannot do—but just to benefit a police United States monopoly. Another reason for the close season, he claims, is the price of seal skins. All manner of exaggerated reports are afloat as to the extent of the catch of this season. Speaking with the authority of his teaching, to his experienced sealmen, Captain Cox says that the year's catch on the Northwest coast cannot well exceed 35,000 skins, and next season is scant, in view of restrictions, be more than 10 per cent. of this total. Canadian (Gas-

"Am I out?" inquired the vanquished, and being answered in the affirmative, he skipped nimbly away to his corner. Cuff attempted to follow him, but a couple of men caught him by the throat and held him back. There was a scene of disorder, and when quiet was a little restored the referee ordered the men to shake hands before parting. As Reid came up for this pur-

The statue to Sir John A. Macdonald, unveiled at Hamilton on November 1, by Sir John Thompson, is by G. C. Wade, of London, England, is cast in bronze and is eight feet three inches in height. It presents Sir John with a closely buttoned frock coat, standing in easy posture with right

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Dispatches from Rome convey the intelligence that Monsignor Satolli, papal delegate to the United States, will remain at Washington. Dr. O'Connell, rector of the American college, yesterday presented the Pope a volume containing the speeches and State papers of President Cleveland. The Pope made some flattering remarks upon the gift.

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