The Telephone Question.

Seet car companies ask for privileges on the city. So do electric light and power companies. So do gas companies. So do telegraph companies. So do telephone companies. So do ferry companies. And so will many other concerns ask and obtain privileges of one kind or another. In some instances a rivalry is brought about and two or more companies ask for the same powers. This is now the case with the telephone in this city. A rival company has come along and asked for street privileges. It promises to give a better service for half the money But if a business man has to put in an instrument of each company, and has to have two wires into his place and double the number of wires in the streets, and double the number of men climbing up your roof to remove tangles, it is a question whether it is really a public benefit or not.

But is there no general rule under which these companies can be checked and the rights and pockets of citizens protected? We believe there is and we shall try and indicate it. As a start-off, we do not believe in rival companies doing much for the public; the public in granting privileges ought to protect itself, and that is to be done by retaining in every case more or less control over the prices or rates to be charged by these companies. Furthermore, where a rival concern is likely to spring up to give a limited time monopoly to one concern provided it surrenders large powers to the city in the way of regulating its prices and rates to citizens.

Take the telephone privilege: Give it to one company for say five years, renewable, provided the company undertakes to adopt every genuine improvement as it comes out, to give the best possible service, and to have its rates to customers a matter of adjustment or arbitration between the company and its customers.

Practically this is what we are doing with the street car company. We propose, indeed, to give a monopoly, but we propose to make them pay the city, and we regulate the fares, the number and time of cars, and the like.

We should have exacted similar conditions as to rates from the gas company. Also from the electric light companies.

This then, in brief, is our point: Make the privileges more or less a monopoly, but in every case reserve the right to the city of arbitrating the rates and tariffs of such companies every two years or so.

When we have succeeded in this, then we may begin to talk of the city running these monopolies itself.

Lloyd's Register has issued a return showing the number of steamers and sailing vessels of all nationalities lost during the last three months of 1890. The totals are 64 steamers and 274 sailing vessels. The losses were heaviest on Russian and Dutch shipping. Of the steamers lost 3 were abandoned at sea, 3 broken up or condemned, 2 burnt, 11 sunk in collision, 5 foundered, 2 missing and 38 wrecked. The losses of sailing vessels were not large as compared with the same quarter in previous years and are cataloged thus: Abandoned 54, broken up or condemned 17, burnt 1, sunk in collision 14, foundered 17, missing 9, wrecked 157. In the tabulated return the shipping of the British colonies is grouped, so that it affords no plain showing of disasters to Canadian vessels.

The Searching of Records.

There is a general impression that the Ontario Government will acquit itself with some credit when the fee system comes up in the Legislature next week. There is a commendable unanimity among the Reform papers of the province in condemning the present order of things and calling for a change. Although these adverse criticisms from the party press would not appear during an election, still Mr. Mowat cannot afford to ignore them, for they signify the weight of popular disapproval and cause more advanced thought on the subject. There is reason to believe that the Government is studying the matter, and those having faith in its deep-seated honesty are confident that just conclusions will be reached. Others rely upon considerations of expediency to effect the same result.

When the system is being remodelled it is well to make it as perfect as possible, and the American principle that custodians of the records have no right to demand a fee from the citizen for the privilege of examining the records should be carefully weighed. In New York County the Clerk and the Registrar are paid salaries in lieu of fees, and this new arrangement works satisfactorily. The fees are collected as before, but turned into the public treasury and drawn again to defray the expenses of the offices. In those states where salaries are not paid to such officials, although no fee is charged for examining the records, there is a scale of charges for registering first mortgages and furnishing certified copies of matters already on record that meets the necessity. Again, there is a blending of the salary and fee system, the latter being collected only on such actual work as the applicant's enquiries may entail. In short the first principle in such matters is given in a Pennsylvania decision, "Records are constructive notices to all mankind." When a man applies for a certain item of information, it is given him; but when he wishes a record made, or a certified copy furnished, this entails trouble for which he must pay.

The system in Ontario requires thorough revision, and if popular rights can be widened without impairing the efficiency and value of the service it should be done.

All Men.

Men, young, old or middle-aged, who are weak, nervous and exhausted, broken down from overwork or from any cause not mentioned, should send for and read the book of Lubon, a treatise on diseases peculiar to man. Sent sealed, secure from observation, on receipt of 10c. in stamps. Address M. V. Lubon, 50 Front-st. east, Toronto.

City Hall Dots.

The Executive's sub-committee on unadjusted county accounts yesterday discussed the various items charged up against the county of York. Another meeting will be held to-day and the necessary recommendation sent to council.

A tender has been made to the Works Committee by Capt. McAdam, on behalf of the Silicate Barytic Stone & Marble Company, offering to pave the streets with that stone for the sum of 25c. per foot, instead of the price now being paid, guaranteeing the stone for five years, and are prepared to enter into bonds for the construction of the paving. A sample of the stone was on exhibition in the committee room, and is now with the Engineer. The pavement is the same as that laid in Tilsonburg, Ingersoll and Hamilton.

Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam.

Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam gives prompt relief in coughs, colds, hoarseness, whooping cough, croup, asthma or bronchitis It is the most pleasant and perfect throat and lung healer in the world for children or adults. Price 25c.

DOINGS AT OSGOODE HALL.

The Mayor of Ingersoll Counted Out—Sitting Judges.

The master in chambers yesterday gave judgment in the motion to unseat James Stevens from the office of Mayor of Ingersoll. In his judgment he says: "However the mistake in the first counting of ballots may have occurred, I do not believe that the ballot papers have been tampered with, and finding as I do that Mr. Buchanan has a majority of votes I see no reason for ordering a new election. I think Mr. Buchanan entitled to the seat. Mr. Stevens, the respondent, must pay the costs of this proceeding." At the close of the election Mr. Stevens was declared elected by a majority of 8, but on a recount Mr. Buchanan was found to have a majority of 34.

The master in chambers made an order postponing the trial in the Georgetown alimony suit of Bennett v. Bennett. Full particulars of this action were given a short time ago in The World. The defendant was ordered by the master to pay to the plaintiff $5 per week interim alimony and to pay a certain sum to enable the plaintiff to take her action to trial. The defendant has not complied with this order and the master postponed the trial.

In the slander action of Percy S. Ashford against Joseph Alton, a motion was made to the master in chambers to strike out part of the statement of claim as embarrassing. The plaintiff was employed by the defendant and the slander charged is that the defendant said he had sacked the plaintiff because of a disease he had. The master refused to strike out the paragraph, but ordered particulars to be given of the persons to whom the slander was spoken.

In the slander action of Hiscocks v. Taylay, the master in chambers yesterday made an order allowing the plaintiff to amend his statement of claim on payment of $15 costs. The action is for $5000 damages for a charge made by the defendant against the plaintiff, a bailiff, to the effect that he had committed an act of bribery at the last election.

In Baldwin v. Kingstone the Court of Appeal some time ago delivered judgment, but the parties are not satisfied and an appeal is to be taken direct to the Privy Council in England. The action is for the construction of the will of the late Admiral Baldwin and involves the disposition among claimants of very valuable real estate in Toronto.

Sit Down and Think.

Sit down and think; 1st, that dyspepsia is caused by wrong action of the stomach; 2nd, that Burdock Blood Bitters is designed to correct and regulate the stomach; 3rd, that it always cures dyspepsia and costs less than a cent a dose. Can you afford to be dyspeptic?

Mutual Life Insurance Co.

The annual report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Richard A. McCurdy, president, presents a startling array of facts. The advance made by the Mutual Life Insurance Company during the past seven years is phenomenal when compared with the progress of any or all of its would-be competitors.

THE GROWTH OF ITS ASSETS.

In 1884 its total assets amounted to	$ 103,876,178.51
In 1890 its total assets amounted to	147,154,691.20
A gain of more than	**$43,000,000.00**

ITS MARVELOUS INCREASE IN BUSINESS.

In 1884 the new risks amounted to	$ 34,681,420.00
In 1890 the new risks amounted to	160,985,986.00
Gain in 1890 over 1884	**$126,304,566.00**

ANNUAL INCOME NEARLY DOUBLED.

The total income in 1884 was	$ 19,095,318.41
The total income in 1890 was	34,978,778.69
Gain in 1890 over 1884	**$15,883,460.28**

THE TOTAL INSURANCE IN FORCE.

In 1884 the total insurance in force was	$ 351,789,285.00
In 1890 the total insurance in force was	638,226,865.00
Gain of Insurance in force	**$286,437,580.00**

The Mutual Life Insurance Company has more insurance in force upon the lives of citizens of the United States than any other company, thus showing its reputation in its own country. Mrs. T. & H. K. Merritt, the general managers, have removed their offices to a new and commodious suite in the Bank of Commerce Building.

A Great Blessing.

Sirs: I have taken three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and find it a good medicine for constipation and poor appetite. I will continue taking it, as it is a great blessing and I feel a great change in my health since taking it.

Mrs. J. V. Green,
5 Sydenham-street, Toronto, Ont.

City Water Analyzed.

Analysis of a sample of city water taken from the tap in Dr. A. R. Pyne's laboratory, 263 Gerrard-street east, April 7, 8.30 a.m.:

	Parts per million.
Free ammonia	.0264
Albuminoid ammonia	.1320
Oxygen consumed in 15 min. at 80° Fah.	.4773
" " " 4 hours "	.8878
Chlorine as chlorides	4.4000
Total solids (darkened on ignition)	151.0000
Volatile matter	51.0000
Appearance	turbid
Organic impurity (Muter's scale)	.20

This places it as second-class water. The turbidity is largely owing to a quantity of suspended clay. Viewing the water in the light of Muter's scale, it is fair to say it is slowly improving, though still below the standard of what it should be.

Good Work.

Mrs. G. M. Young, Sulley-street, Grove-street, London, Eng., was cured of lumbago by the use of the contents of one bottle of St. Jacobs Oil after her case had been given up as hopeless. It has no equal.

If It's Riley, This is Why.

Editor World: The Waterworks Department is making the connection from the 36-inch discharge main to the present 24-inch and 30-inch discharge mains.

During the time of doing this work, one of the old mains will have to be shut down to force all the water pumped through the other, which will displace any sediment in these mains and cause the water to be riley for a short time. This work was commenced on Monday and we expect to be finished by Tuesday, the 14th inst. We are also making a systematic blowing out of all the mains in the city, so that the locality being blown out will have riley water for a short time. This is the best time of the year to do this work, a full reservoir and very little street watering.

The complaints coming in lately show conclusively that the trouble is only local and that as soon as these mains are all blown out the water will be good again. This blowing out could not be done last fall owing to the scarcity of water.

April, 8. Wm. Hamilton, Supt.

$1.00 White Shirts at Treble's, best fitting and unequalled value; 53 King-street west. Illustrated price list and measurement card free.

The Fresh Air Fund Horse Show.

The arrangements for the big horse show in Shaw-street Rink on Saturday in aid of the Fresh Air Fund are progressing very favorably. The floor of the rink has been covered with resin and tanbark to prevent the horses slipping, and the animals are being practised on the spacious floor so that they may be able to give a good account of themselves at the show. The Toronto Electric Light Company have put in a number of electric lights free of charge and the place will be brilliantly illuminated Saturday evening. The music will be furnished by Napolitano's orchestra. The admission will be 25 and 50c, with children half price, and anyone willing to assist this worthy charity by disposing of tickets can secure them from Mr. Kelso or Mr. W. D. Grand. A large party is expected from Hamilton, and there will be many visitors from the agricultural district to obtain information as to the best horses to raise for the market.

Severe colds are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

Much distress and sickness in children is caused by worms. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator gives relief by removing the cause. Give it a trial and be convinced.

There is no earthly reason why a broken leg should cripple you financially. Take out a policy in the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company, Toronto.

Holloway's Corn Cure destroys all kinds of corns and warts, root and branch. Who then would endure them with such a cheap and effectual remedy within reach?

ASHBRIDGE'S BAY.

The City Engineer Presents His Specifications.

The Ashbridge's Bay reclamation scheme occupied the attention of the special committee again yesterday. Ald. Hewitt presided and those present were Ald. Small, Leslie, Pape, Macdonald, Allen, George Verral. Ex-Mayor Boswell watched proceedings on behalf of the Toronto Dry Dock Co. from a side seat. The City Solicitor reported that the lease of the Dock Company was all right and not cancelable, and the City Commissioner coincided. This necessitates the syndicate's coming to some arrangement with the company before it can proceed with the reclamation work.

Engineer Jennings having been previously requested to furnish specifications for the work of reclamation complied, adding these comments:

Gentlemen,—I beg to say that the annexed draft specifications take in generally the main features covering the reclamation of the district referred to, but some time will be necessary in which to perfect the same and also the plan for exhibition to intending contractors. I do not feel justified in submitting a specification which does not embody all the features of the scheme submitted to the people for vote and approval.

The omission of the clauses covering the reclamation of the bar to the south of Ashbridge's Bay from the Gap to the proposed new eastern entrance would be equivalent to giving the company undertaking this work a very large premium, in addition to the monopoly of the whole district, without, in my opinion, a commensurate return being made to the city therefor. As the subject is of such importance and should be studied out with regard to any other than the true interests of the whole city of Toronto, I would suggest an adjournment of your committee until after legislation is obtained and the plans and specifications for the work are fully matured. W. T. Jennings.

The committee, however, did not adjourn as advised, but plunged into a thorough analysis of the specifications. It was determined to strike out all reference to the 120 feet road allowance as proposed by the City Engineer. That official held that the people whose lands fronted the improvement should give the city the strip referred to free of cost after it was filled in. Ald. Leslie led the battle against it and gained his point.

There were many clauses particularly severe on the syndicate, such as specifying the time when certain works were to be completed, and other items of a similar character. When-ever the committee met with any recommendation or clause which it thought too rough it remorselessly sat upon it.

The committee lastly determined to recommend that the work of reclamation be done in seven years on a basis of 15 per cent. each year.

THE AMUSEMENTS.

Percy Greene's Benefit To-night—Scanlan in Myles Aroon—"Alone in London" Coming.

At Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House the famous burlesque company Lilly Clay's is meeting with great success. This popular theatre is nightly crowded to the doors. There will be usual matinee to day.

Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House.

A famous and popular melodrama that has earned a world-wide reputation appears at above house one week, commencing Monday, April 13. William De Shelley's "Alone in London" will be handsomely staged, the scenery being new and elaborate and the mechanical effects novel and interesting. This play is noted as the best work of the celebrated author, Robert Buchanan. Realistic views will be given of Westminster Bridge, the River Thames, the Bank Robbery, Fleet-street Strand, the old Sluice House and others.

Manager Robinson's Latest.

A type-setting contest for union compositors is the latest novelty that Manager Robinson has devised. He will introduce it the week beginning April 27 at his Buffalo theatre, lasting seven days. Three prizes, $50, $30 and $20 in cash and a gold medal, will be awarded. All the city English papers will be represented: The Courier, Express, News, Commercial and Times. Hours for composition will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m.; wide measure; no break lines. Competent judges and proofreaders will be selected from the typographical union.—Buffalo Courier.

"Mikado" Plan.

The plans for the "Mikado" performances to be given at the Academy of Music next Monday and Tuesday for the benefit of the Sunnyside Orphanage Asylum and on Wednesday for the benefit of the Theatrical Mechanics' Association, open at the Academy box office this morning. A large number of tickets have been disposed of and it would be as well to secure your seats early.

The Benefit.

At the Academy of Music to-night Miss Tiffany in the "Step-Daughter" gives a complimentary benefit to the popular young manager Mr. Greene and the treasurer, Mr. Strauss. It would be difficult to express the satisfaction which Mr. Greene has given to his numerous patrons. He has at all times been gentlemanly, obliging and courteous and at all times doing everything in his power to make his patrons feel quite at home while in his pretty little theatre. Mr. Greene is a Torontonian by birth and he only succeeded in gaining the position of manager of the Academy by hard work and attending to the interests of those for whom he is working, for we are sure that the public join in with the press in wishing him and his affable treasurer a bumper house.

W. J. Scanlan To-night.

The Irish comedian and vocalist, W. J. Scanlan, will begin a three nights' engagement at the Grand to-night, presenting two of his most popular plays, opening in "Myles Aroon," which will also be presented to-morrow evening and Saturday matinee and in which he will sing You and I, Love, My Maggie, Live, My Love, On Live, The Swing Song and Peek-a-Boo, while Saturday night will be devoted to a grand scenic revival of the late Fred Marsden's romantic drama, "The Irish Minstrel," Mr. Scanlan singing What's in a Kiss, My Nelly's Blue Eyes, Over the Mountain, Moonlight at Killarney, I Love Music and his popular Peek-a-Boo.

Mr. Scanlan has done more by his stage representations and the class of plays he has produced to command respectful consideration for the Irish drama than any other actor. His last play, "Myles Aroon," is an accurate picture of the life and manners of to-day in Ireland. The characters are natural, the dialog well written and the story interestingly developed. The plot hinges upon the theft of a valuable bracelet, of which crime Myles Aroon is wrongfully accused, and the major part of the action is furnished by his efforts at self-vindication, which are eventually successful.

Thatcher's Minstrels.

Next Monday George Thatcher will begin a three nights' engagement at the Grand with a minstrel company second to none in America. Thatcher won fame as a manager of rare judgment in his chosen line, and he personally selected his artists, who include Burt Shephard, John A. Coleman, Thomas Le Mack, Wood and Shephard, musical comedians; George Lewis, R. J. Joss, Raymond & Moore, H. W. Frillman, Thomas Lewis, Frank La Mondue and Gregory and Elmar. The entire program is notable for its originality, refinement and general excellence. The sale of seats commences to-morrow morning.

A Combined Society Entertainment.

A musical and dramatic entertainment of a high order was given in the Auditorium last night by the combined societies of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association and St. Alphonsus Young Men's Catholic Association. The program was excellent for the taste shown in the selections and the success of the performers in rendering their parts. The large hall was crowded with an appreciative audience. Napolitano's orchestra played the overture, "Turco in Italy."

Speaking of Tips.

A tip is a piece of special or valuable information such as this, that Hagyard's Yellow Oil is a prompt and effectual cure for croup, colds, hoarseness, sore throat, rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains or soreness of any kind. Known as reliable over 30 years.

Good Advice.

If you do not wish to injure your liver and kidneys don't buy baking powder in bulk. Buy the Princina or Borwicke, both are absolutely pure and as cheap as the bad powders. Purity of the Princina and Borwicke proven by the Dominion Government and legally sworn declaration with each package.

CALIFORNIA'S RACE HORSES

AS DESCRIBED BY DAVID TENNY PULSIFER.

Tenny at Morris Park—Notes from the Woodbine—Death of a Famous Horse—Schedule of the Toronto Football League's Spring Games—Opening of Championship Baseball Season.

CHICAGO, April 8.—David Tenny Pulsifer is in the city. He has been putting in about a month in California.

"What about the California horses?"

"Of course I saw a great many. Racine is now a very grand young horse and has grown and improved. If appearances go for anything he will add to his reputation this year. I looked over Baldwin's horses at Santa Anita. He has a very superior lot of 2-year-olds about ready for shipment east, the best probably that he has had for several seasons past.

"I have never seen anything to equal Haggin's Rancho del Paso breeding establishment. He has two, and this one is an estate of something like 47,000 acres. The other is a modest farm of a trifle over 600,000 acres. At Rancho del Paso I saw over 100 thoroughbred yearlings that are to be sold in New York next June, and a better-looking lot were never inspected. It is no use to enter into particulars, for the stallions and brood mares at this place have often been described. I paid a visit to my old friend Salvator. He has put on flesh since retirement from the turf and is now one of the most magnificent looking horses imaginable."

Asked about Tenny, Mr. Pulsifer said that he had received a letter from his trainer within a few days saying that the horse was in good health, but beyond that nothing much could be said. "At Morris Park the track had been unfit for strong work as yet, and Tenny has had none. Reports about fast galloping there are all nonsense. Tenny and my other horses have had plenty of shed and walking exercise and will be ready for the races in due time. That is all I can say for them now."

Echoes From the Woodbine.

A number of the members of the O.J.C. Committee visited the Woodbine Park yesterday and inspected the many improvements there.

The track will be given a good harrowing to-day and it is probable the course will be fit for some fast going by Saturday.

Representatives of the Woodbine Driving Club visited the Park yesterday and surveyed their new ⅞ mile track that will be graded inside the present one.

The 34 new stalls that have been in the course of erection the past few days were completed yesterday and are now ready for occupancy.

The new boxes in the member's stand will be finished to-day.

The First Horses at Guttenburg.

GUTTENBURG, April 8.—The first horses to-day were: Khaftan, Stonington, Civil Service, Banquet, Sandstone and Gloster.

Another Victory for Col. North.

LONDON, April 8.—The great event at the Epsom spring meeting to-day was the City and Suburban Handicap of 20 sovereigns each with £100 added, 1¼ miles. It was won by Col. North's Nunthorpe, Hoare-Smith's Bullion 2nd and Dowther's Workington 3rd. There were 15 starters.

Yesterday was the first day of the Epsom spring meeting. The principal event was the great Metropolitan Stakes (handicap) of 15 sovereigns each with 500 added, 2¼ miles. It was won by Duke of Beaufort's Ragimunda, Leas Royal Gem 2nd and Deacon's Maypole third.

Death of the Famous Isonomy.

LONDON, April 8.—Turfmen all the world over will hear with regret the news of the death of the famous stallion Isonomy. He was bought in 1876 for the small sum of 360 guineas and turned out to be one of the greatest horses of his day. It was in the years 1878 and 1879 that his greatest records were won. In the former year as a 3-year-old, he won the Cambridgeshire, and in the latter he won practically all the great cup races, among them the Ascot cup, the Goodwood cup, the Doncaster cup and the Queen's vase; while in 1880 he was again victorious in the Ascot cup. His performances so increased his value that when he was sold for stud purposes in 1883 he fetched the sum of 9000 guineas.

HAMILTON'S BASEBALL LEAGUE.

They Will Revel in the Amateur Game—A Good Set of Officers.

HAMILTON, April 8.—This city now enjoys a real live amateur baseball league with a membership of crack clubs and a good set of officers.

A meeting was held last night in the Y.M.C.A. parlor, the Dundas Juniors, Athletics, Victors and Victorias being represented. The following officers were elected: Ald. James Dixon, honorary president; T. A. Wardell, honorary first vice-president; Chief McKinnon, honorary second vice-president; M. Jones, president; E. J. Moore, vice-president; W. Weatherson, secretary.

The International Is Now the Eastern.

ALBANY, April 8.—The International League meeting adjourned at 2 a.m. yesterday to meet at the Kenmore Hotel in this city on Saturday evening. The Schedule Committee remains in session and will report on Saturday. The name of the league was changed to that of Eastern Association. The matter of an eighth club was referred to a special committee.

The Association Season Opened.

At Baltimore, attendance 4800, Baltimore 11, Boston 7. At Philadelphia, attendance 2266, Athletics 8, Washington 9. At St. Louis, attendance 2500, St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 0. At Louisville, attendance 5000, Louisville 7, Columbus 6.

The Beavers' Officers and Players.

At the annual meeting of the Beaver Baseball Club the following officers were elected: Richard Kennedy, manager; Lionel Fitton, captain; Gilbert Woods, treasurer; Samuel Ballie, secretary, 132 Berkeley-street. The following players will represent the club on the field this season: George Lees, George Blancoard, John Humphrey, B. McGarry, Joseph Schnapoff, Joseph Chambers, James Scott, Lionel Fitton, George Wilson, Gilbert Woods, Samuel Stevenson, James Bailey, Simeon Passmore and William Hardy.

THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM.

The Toronto League's Schedule—The First Game Takes Place on May 9.

The schedule meeting of the Toronto Football League was held last night in Mr. Starr's office, King-street. It was decided to finish the season by June 1 and this schedule was adopted:

May 9—Toronto v. Scots; Marlboro v. New Fort; Osgoode Hall, bye.
May 16—Scots v. New Fort; Toronto v. Marlboro.
May 23—Osgoode v. Scots; New Fort v. Toronto; Marlboro, bye.
May 27—Marlboro v. Osgoode.
May 30—Marlboro v. Scots; Toronto v. Osgoode Hall; New Fort, bye.
June 1—Osgoode Hall v. New Fort.

The first clubs named have the choice of grounds.

The official referees were appointed as follows: Dr. Macallum, H. S. Fraser, G. Muldrum, J. R. L. Starr, H. Langford, W. Gale, T. M. Turnbull, W. P. Thomson, C. A. Baird, J. S. Johnston, W. Anderson.

The league will endeavor to arrange a game with Detroit, but have cancelled all negotiations with Chicago, as the Windy City aggregation are altogether too greedy. They would not accept the reasonable guarantee offered.

Notes of the Kickers.

A meeting of the Kensington Football Club takes place to-night in the Y.M.C.A., Spadina-avenue. All members are requested to attend.

The semi-annual meeting of the Toronto Football Association will be held at Keachie's this evening at 8 o'clock. All clubs wishing to join are requested to send three delegates.

Messrs. Breckenridge and Starr, the Toronto Football League delegates, turned up at Keachie's according to appointment to meet the representatives of the Football Association. Mr. J. E. Smith alone represented the latter body and the meeting was adjourned without doing any business. So the league has decided to abandon negotiations for affiliation with the association.

Fitzpatrick Knocked Out in Five Rounds.

BOSTON, April 8.—Jack Fitzpatrick, who sets up as the champion bantam weight of Canada, faced Bobby Burns of Providence here last night for a purse of $600. At the outset Fitzpatrick bade fair to sustain his reputation, as he pummeled Burns unmercifully. The latter countered with his right at an opportune moment in the first round and dealt a blow under the chin which took all the gimp out of the Canadian. During the remainder of the contest the latter made a poor show and in the fifth round was knocked out completely. Jack McAuliffe and Jack Griffin seconded Burns and Tommy Cogan and Howie Hodgkins were behind Fitzpatrick.

THE CRACK DONS.

The Eastern Oarsmen Reorganize for the Season—A Promising Outlook.

The Don Amateur Rowing Club has reorganized for the season. The following members were elected as officers for the year:

President—Alex. Boyd.
Vice-President—Fred. Mauthe.
Second Vice-President—Thomas Hogarth.
Captain—James Stewart.
Treasurer—W. Mulquen.
Secretary—Albert Smith.
Rowing Committee—W. Raime, M. Shea and W. Hurley.

Representatives to the Association—Thomas Mitchell and Frank Lloyd.

The auditor's report showed the club to be in good standing, and there is every prospect of having a good season, as the members are determined to put in some hard work.

The Wanderers Will Wander.

On Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock the members of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club will leave their club rooms for a run over the Kingston-road to the Halfway House. If the roads are in a fair condition a party will ride through to Whitby. As mileage for medals will be kept track of from this run a large turnout will doubtless result.

CORNWALL LACROSSISTS.

The Annual Meeting of the Factory Town Club Last Night.

CORNWALL, April 8.—The annual meeting of the Cornwall Lacrosse Club was held to-night. The following officers were elected:

Hon. President, Major P. R. MacLennan, M.P.; first hon. vice-president, F. Lally; president, ex-Mayor Mulhern; first vice, J. G. Hunter; second vice, P. St. Thomas; third vice, George Crites; secretary, W. Gibbons; treasurer, H. Black; committee, C. W. Young, J. A. Liddel, F. Lally, M. L. Smith, John MacPherson; delegates to A. C. L. A., J. A. Mackintosh, George Copeland, Inspector Stark.

P. J. Lally urged the claims of the Capitals of Ottawa for admission to the senior series. The opinion of the meeting was that the Capitals should first gain admission to the senior series of the N.A.L.A. and then they would consider the question of admitting them to the senior series.

Bicycling.

Every person seems to be excited over the new Rudge bicycles displayed in Messrs. H. P. Davies & Co.'s establishment, 81 Yonge-street. Much praise is due this firm for their energy and solicitation for the bicycle rider, which prompts them to put on this market the best bicycle made in the Old Country. 246

SPORTING SPRAY.

Baseball in the American Colleges—Lacrosse in Beaverton.

The Toronto Athletic Club has made its second call on the stockholders. Twenty per cent. of the capital stock is asked for.

A meeting of the Standard Baseball Club will be held at Manager Thornton's residence, No. 146 Strachan-avenue, on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock. All members and those interested are requested to attend.

At New York on Tuesday Columbia College was beaten by the Giants by 5 to 2 and Princeton walked away from Fordham College by 13 to 0. At Boston on the same day Harvard was beaten by Boston by the close score of 9 to 10.

A cablegram from London says that Frank P. Slavin and Charley Mitchell had secured passage for this country on the White Star steamer Germanic, which sails from Liverpool one week from to-day. They will make a tour of the country under the management of Billy Madden.

The Albion Cricket Club of Hamilton has reorganized for the season with these officers: Dr. Gaviller, president; William Green, first vice-president; J. B. Freed, second vice-president; John Clayton, secretary-treasurer; B. Whiting, E. Smee and F. Turner, committee.

The Checker Lacrosse Club of Beaverton has reorganized for the season with these officers: Patrons, Frank Madill, M.P., A. P. Cockburn, G. R. Proctor; hon. president, Alexander Hamilton; president, B. Madill; first vice, P. McMillan, jr.; second vice, L. J. Cameron; secretary, W. J. Proctor; treasurer, D. McMillan; captain, James Birchard; committee, Albert Hamilton, E. Wescott, F. King, S. Doran, J. Ritchie; C.L.A. delegates, P. McMillan, W. J. Proctor.

THE TELEPHONE WAR.

Rival Companies Have a Field Day at the Hall.

An interesting battle between the Bell Telephone Company and the Toronto Telephone Company was fought out before the Board of Works at a special meeting yesterday. Present: Ald Shaw (chairman), George Verral, Allen, Peter Macdonald, Bailey, Lucas, Stanley, Orr, Atkinson, Hewitt. "The Bell" was represented by C. F. Sise (president), Hugh C. Baker (manager for Ontario), Henry Nelson (local manager), Z. A. Lash, Q.C., S. G. Wood. "The Toronto's" case was backed up by D. O. Frye (general manager), J. E. Wright (general manager of the Federal Telephone Company of Montreal), Captain A. Nelson, A. H. Marsh (solicitor), J. P. Curry, W. T. Harris, E. J. Clarke, J. F. Ellis (Barber, Ellis Company). Manager Wright of the Toronto Electric Light Company was also on hand. Mr. Lash was spokesman for "The Bell Company" and urged strongly that no franchise should be granted a new company unless it be on the same terms as that under which "The Bell" was working; that is, it should place its wires under ground from the moment it began business. This, Mr. Marsh, on behalf of the Toronto, declared was unfair, "The Bell" had until 1894 to get its wires underground, and all the Toronto wanted was the same privilege—allow it to commence business and by 1894 the wires of the system would be all underground within the prescribed area.

The engineer reported as follows:

In view of the action of the City Council, there in recited, it is obvious that any new company or companies permitted to operate telephone or telegraph system within the city must accept terms and conditions no less stringent than those imposed upon the present companies operating in our city; again, if a proposed new telephone company is willing to accept these terms and conditions generally I would not deem it advisable in the interests of the city to permit the erection of additional poles within the district described in said bylaw for the balance of the period mentioned in said bylaw; as it simply means the aggravation of what the council has pronounced a nuisance, and which is to be removed within the time stated in bylaw 2767 before quoted; therefore I would suggest that your committee request the representatives of the proposed new telephone company to first endeavor to make arrangements with the present telephone and electric companies for the use of their poles from now to expiry of time recited in bylaw No. 2767 for the operation of its service, and to report to your committee, say in two weeks' time, the result of such negotiations; and upon receipt of this report I will then be in a position to express an opinion in the premises.

Manager Wright of the Electric Light Co. said he did not want any more overhead wires in his. There was too much trouble with the present company for his corporation. After a great deal of discussion further consideration was deferred for two weeks in order to allow the new company to produce plans of its overhead system as it affects the centre of the city.

AGAIN RECOMMENDED.

The Fire and Light Committee Resolves that the Brigade Shall Own the Horses.

Ald. Bell was in the chair at yesterday's meeting of the Fire and Light Committee, being assisted by Ald. McMurrich, Kerr, Small, Stewart, Foster, Maloney, Gowanlock, Score, Chief Ardagh, Secretary of Department McGowan and the Mayor. After an hour's wrangle, in which Ald. Gowanlock, Foster and Jolliffe opposed the proposition, the committee resolved to re-recommend that the horses required by the brigade become the property of the city, the drivers of teams to be paid $400 a year and single horses $365 per year. A sub-committee was appointed to report whether St. Alban's Ward is to be lighted by gas or electricity, and another sub-committee will consider whether it is proper that a steam boiler should be allowed in a brickyard in Sully-street. It was recommended that the Toronto Rubber Company be paid $1100 in settlement of its account of $1425 for the far-famed Parkdale truck.

Ald. McMurrich succeeded in getting a resolution through that all men employed as drivers in the brigade be up to the standard of firemen. The Gutta Percha and Rubber Company was given the contract for 400 feet of chemical hose at 45c. a foot. Chairman Bell and Chief Ardagh will investigate a charge of drunkenness preferred against a fireman.

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