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**TUSSLING FOR THE TANKARD.**  
Results of Primary Curling Contests.

An American Champion Wrestler Is Downed by an Englishman—Davey's Dogs at Chicago.

**CURLING.**  
Ottawa won the Quebec tankard Friday, beating Ormstown in the final.

Almonte won in the Central Canadian bowl played at that place on Friday, defeating the Rideau, of Ottawa, in the final game.

In the medal competition at Buffalo on Friday between the St. Catharines curlers and Americans, four risks a side, the Canadians won by 14 shots.

The Chatham curlers paid a flying visit to Detroit on Thursday, coming with three risks, and played a friendly game with the Detroit club. After three hours' play the game was called and resulted in a draw. Both clubs were badly crippled by the absence of some of their best players.

In Winnipeg last week, nothing was talked of beyond curling. Flavell of Lindsay, scored another victory at the Lompick Friday in the grand challenge, defeating McDonald, of Winnipeg, 16 to 14. It was a close game.

Flavell defeated Craig, of Virden, in another closely contested match, by two points. Flavell won the grand challenge cup Friday night, defeating Sprague, of Portage la Prairie, by 21 to 10.

As a result of the primary competition for the Ontario tankard the successful clubs in the groups are, in

No. 1. Belleville. No. 2. Granville. No. 3. Lakefield. No. 4. Seaford. No. 5. Peterborough. No. 6. Woodstock. No. 7. Orillia. No. 8. Forest City. No. 9. Collingwood. No. 10. Galt. No. 11. Hamilton. No. 12. Burlington. No. 13. St. Catharines. No. 14. Not heard from. No. 15. Prospect Park. No. 16. Not heard from.

The final competition (weather permitting) begins at Toronto on the 17th inst., at 9 a.m.

The Albany curlers defeated their Canadian visitors from Toronto on Saturday in three straight games, two of which were won by the Empire and one by the Albany City club.

**ATHLETICS.**  
In a wrestling match at Bradford, England, Thursday night George Steadman, the English champion of mixed wrestling, defeated G. M. Ross, the American champion.

**THE KENNEL.**  
T. G. Davey's dogs took a share of the prizes at the Mascout Club's show in Chicago. Among the awards were: Pointers, challenge class—2, 3; estimator Drake, T. G. Davey, London; Pointers, open class, bitch—1, Miss Rumer, T. G. Davey; Pointers, open class, bitch, 50 pounds and over—1, Revelation, T. G. Davey; 2, Lightfield Midge, T. G. Davey.

**BASEBALL.**  
C. D. White has been appointed secretary of the New York club.

Mickey Jones will return to the diamond next season. He has received several offers.

**The Blood Is the Life.**  
Good health without pure blood is simply impossible, and to secure pure blood is the first and most important step in the cure of all diseases, especially in the spring, when bad blood is very prevalent.

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Headache, cure Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured.

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## CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

Four new cases of smallpox are reported at Newark, N. J.

Rev. Donald Fraser, M.A., D.D., died Saturday in London, Eng.

Portugal will not take part in the World's Fair at Chicago.

At Lyndonville, Va., the thermometer registered 28° below zero on Sunday.

The rumors of an impending revolt in Rio Janeiro are pronounced untrue.

Dr. Wilhelm Jager, the well known African naturalist and traveler, is dead.

Foreign steamers arriving at New York are rigidly inspected for cases of scarlet fever.

De Lesseps is critically ill, but his physicians deny that his condition is hopeless.

The overboarder Sir Walter Raleigh arrived on Sunday at Bantry Bay from Philadelphia.

Famine is causing widespread distress in Montenegro, and a wholesale emigration of people to Turkey is the result.

On the last day of February the centenary of the birth of Rossini will be celebrated throughout Italy and generally on the continent.

By the burning of the Locust Gap colliery near Mt. Carmel, Pa., on Sunday, 600 hands will be thrown out of work for a month.

A "wolf drive" took place on Saturday near Girard, Pa. Four thousand men killed 22 wolves on territory ten miles square.

Bridget Whalen, aged 23, was burned to death on Sunday, when her brother's house near Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., was destroyed.

James Fair has died at San Francisco, Cal., from the effects of the "gold cure." The dead boy's father is probably worth \$20,000,000.

The Minneapolis city council has repealed all existing liquor laws, and passed a new ordinance designed to permit the running of saloons on Sunday.

"Mark Twain" is recovering from the relapse which he recently suffered. He left his bed for the first time Saturday, but he must keep to his room for weeks yet.

It is said a company of English capitalists are endeavoring to gain control of all the tanneries in the United States. The company has \$5,000,000 of its stock subscribed.

John G. Whittier, the poet, is slowly convalescing from a second attack of the grip. Last winter Mr. Whittier had a narrow escape from this dangerous disease.

The Government of Saxony has issued an order for the inspection of pork, on the ground that trichina has been found in pork stamped by American inspectors.

P. Sheriff, an employee of the Kansas City Times, while attending an entertainment in the high school building Friday night, fell out of a fourth story window and was dashed to death.

Sarah Althea Terry, of San Francisco, Cal., who became notorious through her divorce suit against ex-Senator Sharon and her subsequent marriage to J. J. Terry, has become insane over spiritualism.

Mystic, Iowa, is in danger of depopulation. The Iowa Central has made rates to St. Paul, Minneapolis and other points which shut out Mystic's coal trade, and as a result eighteen mines have been closed.

Michael Davitt says he will not run again for Parliament before the general election. He stated in a speech on Sunday that Irish properties were mortgaged to English bankers and others to the extent of £160,000,000.

The Imperial Government has assured the C. P. R. that it will subsidize a submarine cable between Vancouver and Japan by way of Unimak Island and the Aleutians. Efforts are being made in England to raise capital for the company.

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## They Don't Trust Them.

The Canadian Ministers' Visit to Washington Useless.

The Tory Game Well Understood at the U. S. Capital.

Mr. Blaine Has No Power to Negotiate a Treaty.

A Preliminary Reception—Another Meeting Billed for Monday—Little Chance of Any Definite Results.

The New York Press (a strong Republican organ) has the following dispatch from Washington:

"Sir John Thompson and his associate Canadian commissioners, who are here trying to negotiate a treaty of reciprocity with this country, do not feel highly encouraged. As these dispatches indicate last night, the officials here have no special warmth of feeling for the particular gentlemen who have come as representatives of Canada, for they are remembered as having indulged in much criticism of the United States."

"It is this fact which led to the placing of Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Acting Minister of Customs in Canada, on the commission in place of Sir Charles Tupper, as Sir Charles did not hesitate during the last Dominion election to charge Mr. Blaine with all sorts of double-dealing. Although Tupper is thus eliminated, Mr. Foster, who was equally extreme in his criticisms, is here."

"The reception which the Canadians received was somewhat perfunctory, and gave no promise of a hopeful close of the negotiations. After it was over an official of the State Department dictated a careful statement for publication, setting forth that the State Department had never requested any conference, and that the present coming of the Canadian commissioners was the result of a request from them, which request, under the circumstances, the United States could not well refuse."

"It is understood that Mr. Blaine will have something of a surprise to communicate to the Canadians. It will be in effect that their mission here cannot avail anything, as the State Department has no authority to negotiate treaties of reciprocity without the direction or authority of Congress. Every reciprocity treaty negotiated with Brazil, Cuba, Mexico and other countries, has been in strict accordance with the reciprocity clause of the McKinley act. But that act restricts the reciprocity to sugar, coffee, tea, hides and molasses. These products are peculiar to the Central and South American countries, and are not produced at all in Canada. It is, therefore, impossible for Mr. Blaine to negotiate with Canada under the reciprocity clause of the McKinley act, and that is the only law which in any way permits him to conduct reciprocity negotiations and effect agreements."

"The commissioners will therefore learn, that at most, the present conference can be nothing more than a talk over what might be done if there was a law to do it. So far as a realization of reciprocity, they will have to return to Congress and secure the passage of some measures, such as that introduced by Mr. Breckinridge, warranting reciprocity arrangements with Canada."

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Eight prisoners were whipped and three pilloried at Newcastle, Del., on Saturday. All suffered more from the cold than they did from the punishment. Two received fifteen lashes, the others five lashes each.

Sixteen thousand more persons from the famine-stricken districts of Russia have taken refuge in St. Petersburg, and have been quartered in various households.

The Berlin semi-official press predicts that Lord Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone will lighten the British hold on Egypt if the Khedive tries to rely on France and Russia.

**The Doctors Are Here.**  
First three months free of charge. The staff of eminent physicians and surgeons are here, and have permanently located at their residence, No. 456 Talbot street. All invalids who visit these eminent doctors before April 1, will receive services for three months free of charge. The only favor desired is a recommendation from those whom they cure. The object in pursuing this course is to become rapidly and personally acquainted with the sick and afflicted.

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## REDUCED TO ASHES.

A Kent Farmer Loses Heavily—How the Hotel Royal Caught Fire.

CHATHAM, Feb. 14.—On Friday fire broke out in Bennett's premises, Raleigh township, destroying the barn, outbuildings and contents, including four horses, nineteen sets of harness, a lot of hay, and all the implements, binder, mow, fanning mill, etc. The barn was a new structure, 110 feet long, filled with hay, the granary containing a large quantity of cereals. Insurance on stock and implements, \$1,600; on building, \$1,000. Mr. Bennett's son was badly burned in trying to save his horses.

New York, Feb. 15.—The fire marshal submitted his report of the Hotel Royal fire to the Board of Fire Commissioners yesterday. He said that after a thorough investigation he arrived at the conclusion that the fire originated in the elevator shaft at a point above the office floor, and that it was caused by a candle used by a Night Engineer Herbert C. Harding for the purpose of examining the gas connections. In testing the rubber tube connecting the elevator lamp with the surface pipe, either a small leak of gas was ignited, escaping detection, or the candle flame was brought in contact with the woodwork, leaving a spark which in time was fanned into a flame. The fire was burning fiercely on the upper floors before it reached the lower floor.

New York, Feb. 14.—A fire broke out Saturday evening in the Telephone Exchange at Eighteenth street and Broadway. Damage over \$100,000. Four female and four male operators escaped at the first sign of fire. Wires of the value of \$50,000 were destroyed.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 14.—The town of Murta was nearly wiped out by fire yesterday. Loss, \$125,000.

New York, Feb. 14.—Charles Leuch's furniture factory was burned to-day. Loss, \$130,000.

**STARTLING PROPOSITION.**  
Revolutionary Move Contemplated by Railways Centering in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 14.—The Times says a decided revolutionary move is contemplated by the various railroads entering Chicago. Rather than elevate their tracks they will transfer their base of operations. It is proposed to build a new belt line with which each road will make connection outside the city, all tracks, deposits and other property within the city limits to be abandoned. A tunnel one mile east of the city will be built, and the amount so realized will build the belt line, all new deposits, and pay all expenses attending the change and leave a surplus of more than \$10,000,000 in the aggregate. Behind the scheme are all the Vanderbilt roads, including the Chicago and Northwestern and six other companies. The motive for this radical departure is the agitation resulting from the daily horrors at grade crossings, the aggregate loss of life being appalling.

The Grand Trunk is about to erect a fine station at Grand Rapids.

The Empire State Express, of the New York Central, recently ran from Albany to New York, via the Erie, in 147 miles, 147 miles, 147 miles. Allowing for a stop of 5 minutes at Utica for water, the distance was covered in 145 minutes, which is better than a mile a minute.

**BRITISH OPINION ON CANADA.**  
The Great English Newspapers on the Ottawa Scandal.

Men Guilty of Aiding and Abetting in Public Plunder Should Be Driven From Power.

The leading newspapers in Great Britain, without regard to political predilections, have condemned the Ottawa scandal in the strongest terms. The wholesale corruption that was laid bare at Ottawa during the last Parliamentary session. They have also condemned the crookedness exposed at Quebec. For the plundering of the people of Canada, to the extent, we believe, of millions of dollars, the men in power at Ottawa must be held responsible, and the people of the Dominion, by their votes, must punish them.

From the London Telegraph (Independent-Conservative):  
Enough, unfortunately, is already known in England to make it clear that only the most resolute and drastic purification can restore public life in Canada from the taint of corruption the like of which we have not seen in our own country for hundreds of years.

From the London Echo (Radical):  
No country can prosper where public departments are in league with fraudulent contractors, where Ministers are open in office, and parties will bargain their support for a mass of potage.

From the London Morning Advertiser (Conservative):  
Taking the most favorable view which is possible of the disclosures, they are alarming enough.

From the St. James Gazette (Conservative):  
The whole administrative service—if, indeed, we must not add to the entire public life—of the Dominion seems to be in a state of confusion.

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