

A QUIET AND DULL WEEK

In Financial and General Commercial Circles.

Money easy but no desire or activity shown to speculate.

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The week has not furnished anything of a striking nature either in financial or commercial circles, in fact matters have been on the dull side although there are reasons why it should be exactly the reverse.

The demand for the metal from Austria-Hungary will make itself felt. In fact there was a change in position this week for the bank reports a specie decrease of \$232,000 and a decrease in reserve of \$631,999.

It is worthy of a remark, however, that although speculation in the steady buying of gilt-edged securities proceeds in London. The inference is that people are investing their surplus cash rather than putting it to purely speculative purposes.

The local stock market can be dismissed in very few words for there was hardly enough doing to keep the bulls and bears in pocket money. No special activity was shown in any stock, unless it was the one showing a healthy tendency although the feeling was not pronounced, except in one case.

The only other interesting fact was the tender of the Street Railway Company to the city of an electric service, but the street service seems to consider it unlikely that its propositions will be accepted and no interest was shown in the stock.

The exchange market showed a somewhat firmer tendency in New York funds, some \$300,000 worth on the aggregate being purchased during the last three days of the week.

As a consequence rates which have been at a discount for over two months promptly advanced to par with the increased demand.

life unless the small trading in heavy grains, principally peas and oats, can be called such. Flour is the same way; the movement being limited to a small jobbing demand but dealers are awaiting with interest any new developments from a Newfoundland direction.

THINGS THEATRICAL

The Academy of Music does not look well in darkness, but there will be a change this week. The last time there was a minstrel show in Montreal a fairly enjoyable performance was had.

The repertoire laid out for the Queen's Theatre this week ought to be enough to satisfy nearly anybody who is fond of comic opera. If the company is in any way fit to make a fair showing of what the librettists and composers intended there is hardly a doubt of its success.

How low have we fallen in one sense, but how much more popular it will be in another, to think of a theatre in Montreal having a license to sell intoxicating drinks! It looks as if we are gradually going back to the age of reason, and it is not many years ago either since the patrons of the Academy of Music had a refreshment bar on the premises, and while immaculate young men pretended to promenade the foyer with the harmless cigarette between their lips, they managed to sip a cocktail or suck a cobbler through a straw.

SPORTING NEWS

A match for Harry Darrin. William Williams and Harry Darrin have signed articles to run for the half mile championship of England on June 4, the stakes being \$250.00 aside.

The Walker Sweepstake. Messrs. Hiram Walker & Son have always been noted for their generosity in sporting events. The Montreal Curling Club discovered this fact some time ago and one of the most closely contested series of matches for years were those for the Walker prize.

The Orchestral Field. The Montreal and McGill clubs were the first to begin the season yesterday. It was a wet day and it damped the enthusiasm of the players, that is to some extent, for the collegiate end were perfectly satisfied with the scope, which they made.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes P. Barton, A. Browning, W. Philpott, J. O. S. Jones, E. S. Carry, C. J. Crookall, A. P. Drummond, J. B. Bell, A. B. Evans, A. Hodgson, C. B. Godwin.

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GREEN AND GRAY.

The Two Leading Senior Lacrosse Clubs Meet for the First Time this Season.

The Wet weather renders the Ground Slippery and a Poor Game is the result.

An Unpleasant Incident near the Arena was the result of the wet weather.

The elements seemed in league against lacrosse yesterday afternoon when the Shamrocks and Montrealers met to play the first game of the season. In the morning the dull gray clouds drifted ominously across the sky; but still the rain kept off, and some enthusiasts held that when twelve o'clock was past it might hold up after all.

It was possible that it was owing to this that both teams made such a poor showing of lacrosse. At first it looked as if the Shamrocks would sweep the field. Their team was practically the same as last year, and the only new face, O'Meara, played one of the best and strongest games of the day.

Of course the game was largely a defensive one for Montreal, yet every now and then they carried the war into their adversary's territory with a vim that roused the grand stand into enthusiasm. Their faults were the usual ones with a young team. They neglected to cover their men, and persisted in bunching before their goal.

The Shamrock's team game was unmistakably a strong one. Their passing was excellent, and their stick-handling superb, and they had the further advantage of a defence as reliable as a stone wall. Such players as Moore, Duggan, Dwyer and McKenna, on age defence, with a fast goal keeper like Foley, between the flags, would give confidence to any field, and as a result the Shamrock home played with a vigor and persistence that would have made the score very much higher but for the excellence of the Montreal defence.

Only one disagreeable incident marred the whole match; and that unfortunately occurred just at its close. It was when O'Brien crossed-check O'Meara from behind and drove him forward on his nose with force sufficient to bankrupt a pilerdriver. Naturally O'Meara was indignant and so made a rush at O'Brien. Fortunately Anderson ran in between them and kept the angry O'Meara off; but the referee, Mr. Ross Mackenzie, had seen his effort to strike the Montrealer, and under the rules had no option save to send him off the field. It looked at the time a trifle unjust that the injured man should be sent off the field while the man who crossed-checked him deliberately was permitted to remain on; but the referee's decision was right.

Outside of this the game was a pleasant and gentlemanly one throughout. There was one little tiff between Dick Kelly and Coulson, for which both men were sent to the fence; but it was only a make-believe, and it was evident that neither party meant business. Kelly felt a little riled at the way in which Dave held him down, and so he spelt his chances of distinguishing himself. More especially does Kelly pride himself upon getting the "face," and the fact that three times out of five the old war-horse out-witted him, nettled his pride and made him play more savagely than usual, and this culminated in the little tiff mentioned.

Of course the crowd of spectators was not anything like it would have been had the day been a fine one. Still the attendance was a fair one; and, out of the thousand or so of spectators present, there was an unexpectedly large proportion of ladies—and very pretty ones, too. What the grand stand lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm. Not a clever check or pretty piece of stick-handling but was applauded to the echo, and the crowd shouted themselves hoarse whenever one of their favorites distinguished himself.

As usual at exhibition matches there was a delay in starting. The advertised time was 3:30 P.M., but it was nearly a quarter of an hour later when the two teams covered off as follows: the names of the Shamrocks being given in italics.

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, and Team. Includes W. Watt, P. Patterson, T. Tucker, A. Anderson, O. O'Meara, B. Baird, C. Cafferty, O. O'Brien, R. Rowan, S. Scott, H. Hinton, C. Coulson, K. Kelly, M. McCallum, N. Neville, B. Barlow, M. Moore, B. Beard, D. Duggan, M. Murphy, D. Dwyer, G. Geraghty, M. McKenna, F. Foley.

The referee was Mr. Ross Mackenzie, the umpires were J.W. McNulty and Colonel Bond, and the time keepers Geo. Clarke and T. L. Paton. Harry Brophy captained the Montrealers and M. Polan handled the Shamrocks on the field.

It was exactly 3:42 when the two centre men knelt for the face. Montreal had won the toss and selected the western goal, and when Dave neatly drew the ball and sent it flying down to the Shamrock goal there was a ripple of excitement along the grand stand. Duggan returned the ball into the home field. O'Meara got it and passed to Tucker and the first shot went perilously near Montreal's flag.

Jack Patterson soon cleared, and a clever pass by Baird to O'Brien sent the ball well down into centre field. Hinton returned it, and a clever play of O'Meara gave Tucker a chance to score, which he lost through a fall. Baird cleared again and Barlow sent the rubber down to the Shamrock goals, but Duggan and Dwyer were too much for the Montreal home, and although Geraghty worked like a horse the ball travelled back to O'Meara, whose close shot on goal was cleverly parried by Watt. Back the ball went over Coulson to Barlow, who threw over the fence and thus gave the players a brief breathing spell.

From the face Kelly sent the ball well up field, but a clever dodge of O'Meara by Patterson sent it down again, and in clearing Foley once more sent it into the grand stand. Up and down the ball went again. A grand run and shot by Baird relieved Montreal's defence, but the next moment Dwyer again sent the ball to O'Meara who passed to Tucker. Watt cleverly stopped the shot and returned the rubber well down field, but by this time the Montreal defence were commencing to bunch round their goal, with the result that the Shamrock fielders being uncovered were able to keep their home constantly fed with the ball. Montreal was now acting purely on the defensive, although every now and then their home would make a dash upon the Shamrock flags that would make the defence hustle for a while. But the ball always came back to Montreal's end, and in spite of the brilliant efforts of Patterson and Baird, and the steady play of Coulson, the chance of the Shamrocks came at last. Hinton made a pass to Tucker who toiled to O'Meara and the latter scored the first game of the season for the Shamrocks after 29 minutes of "hard fast play."

The second game occupied just three minutes. Coulson drew the ball and sent it up to the Montreal home, but the chance was fumbled and McKenna was able to clear. Down field it went and O'Meara had a shot at the Montreal flags, which went too high. Baird sent the ball up field to Barlow who passed to Geraghty, and Foley being out of his flags, the plucky little inside home man scored at once.

The third game was also a long one. Coulson again got the ball, and for a while the Montreal team seemed to be embued with fresh spirit. But it soon resolved itself once more into a defensive game for Montreal, in which the dull monotony of end to end shots was broken occasionally by a brilliant piece of play. Watt's clever work in goal saved the flags time and again, and once Geraghty got a chance for a shot on the Shamrock goal which Foley stopped prettily. But this would not save off defeat forever, and finally Dwyer threw to Hinton who passed to Tucker. From Tucker the rubber went to O'Meara, who scored again for his side.

Patterson and Anderson backed him up nobly; but Montreal's field was all hunched on the flags and it was dollars to doughnuts that the Shamrocks would score. At this point a very disagreeable incident occurred; O'Brien deliberately crossed-checking O'Meara from behind and throwing him heavily on his face. When O'Meara recovered he made a rush at O'Brien, for which he was ordered off the field, to the indignation of his friends. Two or three dangerous attacks on Montreal's goal were neatly foiled by Baird and Patterson, and at last Barlow threw a shot right on the Shamrock flags. Foley stopped it with his body, but the ball fell between his legs and Geraghty wiped it through.

Table with 3 columns: Game, Won by, Scored by, Time. Includes 1st Shamrocks O'Meara 29 min., 2nd Montrealers Geraghty 2 min., 3rd Shamrocks O'Meara 21 min., 4th Montrealers Geraghty 4 min., 5th Shamrocks Geraghty 12 min.

(SPECIAL TO THE SUNDAY MORNING.) GRAVESEND, L. I., May, 21.—Torrents of rain and oceans of mud were the distinguishing features of the racing here today. There were a few minor incidents, such as Yorkville Belle, that remarkable daughter of miser the great Thora, winning the Gazelle stakes in a canno; gallop, and the Kanaka Stables' old Wallace at the comfortable odds of 8 to 1, walking away with the Hudson Stakes, the favorite Don Alano, being again 30 unfort-unous as to lose three by a head.

The first race of the day, a five eighths dash for two-year-old maidens brought Tar and Tartar and Comanche, who ran second to Ajax, the Dandie Dinnont-Moonlight colt, the other day, to the post. Courtship was also in the race and neglected at 10 to 1. A very poor start began the race and Lamley on Prince George, got the best of it. But at the quarter Duggott on Courtship, flashed to the front and never went backward, winning by a very small margin from "Father Bills" entry, Yarrow, one of Johny Campbell's colts running third.

It is doubtful if Masterlore and Madstone, who had been entered and scratched, could have given the old Crab any kind of an argument to day. Boparty was second and Duke was a poor third.

The Hudson State, for Maiden two years old, brought 7 youngsters to the post, where Wallace got off first and was never in trouble, winning all out from the favorite Don Alanzo.

The fifth race was a peculiar one Two Bits, who the other day ran a remarkably poor second to St. Florian, was never in trouble throughout and won hardly a by a good length and a half. Father Bill, who played Fidelity 1-2 and told his friends that he would win, cashed his tickets afterward, while those who played her only to win pondered on the instability of mundane affairs, especially horse racing and Daly's tips.

The last race was Bengal's, and, considering her race the other day, there were very comfortable odds against her. Ross H. won second and Vardee a very good third, accident and bad luck preventing the latter from being near the front at the finish.

It is amusing to see two rival theatrical men telling each other what they think about each other. Yesterday afternoon two gentlemen prominently connected with the cheaper class of shows made a rather more interesting performance in a well known hostelry than is seen half the time on their respective stages. Brother Moore and Brother Rohdt did not come to blows, but the audience enjoyed it in about the same manner as a newspaperman undergoes the advance agent's monthly jokes of the time of William the Conqueror. That is the time "we all come over," so to speak, and the average Yankee speak and has still the tradition in his pumpkin-pie-fied head that we are still coming over. There were no rapiers drawn; both seemed thoroughly afraid of the police, if not of each other, and a theatrical climax was brought to a most uninteresting denouement by one of the combatants remarking "avei bier." And the audience left the two alone, and took a drink on their own account.

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