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## Editorial Topics.

### THE INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

When last autumn the Executive of the Athletic Association postponed the annual games to some date in May to be chosen early in the year, it was not then supposed that out of this change would grow what promises to be one of the most interesting athletic contests which have been held in Toronto in recent years. It was objected at the time that the change was proposed that it would result in there being no games, and the proposal was looked upon with some disfavour. The inter-year football games had made the athletic meeting unsatisfactory in many ways; men were constantly being temporarily laid up with strains or bruises, and, besides, both to train and to play football even under the most favourable circumstances has long since been proved an impossibility. Fall weather—late fall weather—might well cool the ardour of even the most enthusiastic track athlete were he called upon to stem the stormy blasts off the lake in his light and airy running costume. Reasons sufficient we think to justify the Executive Committee in making the change. The sceptics who feared that we would have no games were, however, right, and the Annual Games will not be held this year. Something much better will take their place—the Inter-Club meet under the auspices of the Toronto Lacrosse Club. The idea of the inter-club meet grew out of the organization by Trinity of a Relay Team to meet similar teams of other athletic associations in the city. The proposal was well received by sister clubs and several dates were fixed, but, at the same time many of the clubs approached, while unable to put a relay team on the track, evinced a desire to place men in the field in other events. Encouraged by Hubbard's success last fall in the open events at the Toronto University games, and remembering Campbell's successes at Queen's and other meetings, Trinity took up the scheme, arranged the preliminaries with the Toronto Lacrosse Club, which as a disinterested organization undertook the management of the meet, and arranged for a meeting at the Toronto Athletic Club. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic. Events were decided upon, arrangements made for entrance fees and entries, and a championship shield was chosen as the trophy for the team winning the greatest number of points. On May 29th the meet will take place on the Rosedale grounds and, barring accidents in training, Trinity will have a track team on the oval which should

make a close run for the championship, and in no way discredit our well-known colours, Rouge et Noir.

### THE TARIFF.

For several weeks the new tariff has been under discussion and has produced some good special pleading and a vast deal of bickering. It is essentially "the poor man's tariff" and for that reason will not meet with much favour at the hands of certain of our capitalists, more especially the workers in iron and steel. Many industries were undeniably fostered by the N. P. which, as the protective duty is removed, must for lack of sufficient protection go to the ground. In their wreck many of the weaker banking establishments must be seriously implicated, as in this country these companies have drawn on the banks where a number of small capitalists have invested their funds, owing to the dearth of men possessing amassed wealth. We poor men who smoke our pipes or cigarettes or cigars must still do so, though in sorrow. We may pay the same price for our weed in whatever shape we prefer to consume it, but we must use an inferior quality. Herein lies the evil. The poor man will smoke despite, the tariff or almost anything in fact, but with a high tariff charge he must smoke a poor tobacco to his detriment. Abler heads than ours are racking their brains on this all-important subject, and the Capital is besieged with deputations which will instruct the government as to what should be done. What should be done, we shall only really know after the lapse of several years of fair and practical experience.

### THE SUNDAY CAR QUESTION.

The Sunday car question is being vigorously talked about at the present time and probably will be settled in one way or the other when these lines are in circulation. We say talked about, "advisedly—as fools say in the House of Commons"—for the amount of literature which is filling a disproportionate space in the city press as the crisis approaches and the accounts which reach us of public meetings show that the whole question is being fought out in a most hysterical fashion. Certainly it is rarely if ever calmly debated, and both parties seem to be trusting for success mainly to side issues. The 'Anti's' would, we think, establish a strong case could they prove satisfactorily to the public mind that Sunday cars are not a "necessity," and that in their wake would follow in gradually increasing volume other "necessities" calling for an injurious amount of Sunday labour. Taking them on their own ground of utility and expediency the Sunday-car people seem to have the best of the argument, but to reiterate with feverish vehemence that Sunday cars are being "forced" upon the citizens—we are almost called upon to believe by a minority of rapacious money grubbers—is utterly absurd, as is the assertion that the Sunday-car people are "robbing the citizens of their quiet day for worship and meditation."

The cry of "robbing" and "forcing" and other similar dogmatic assertions, such as those that the poor do not want the cars, that the labouring men do not want the cars, that other people of any subdivision of citizens you may choose to make do not want the cars, are rather irrational, inasmuch as never has the question been made one upon which such a universal consensus of opinion could be taken. If these good citizens do not wish the cars to run on Sunday we may venture to suppose that they will vote against them; if they want Sunday cars May 15th will tell the tale; if they are indifferent the franchise should not have