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Imperial Union.

We believe the problem of a new Imperial Union of Great Britain and her colonies will yet be solved, though perhaps not exactly in the way contemplated by our present promoters of Imperial Federation. As yet we have only a theory to offer on the subject, but we claim for it that it is well sustained by considerations of as practical a kind as are suggested by British and Canadian history together. And our theory is in brief this—that the new union of Britain and her colonies which we have in view is not to be a something specially authorized by Act of Parliament at a certain date and turned out like a machine from the workshop ready-made and finished, but rather something which is to grow and spread and take root with the lapse of time, somewhat as the British constitution itself has done during centuries. This idea, variously expressed, has been frequently put before The World's readers; the most recent occasion having been on December 14 last, in an article entitled, "A Change which Comes of Itself." The American constitution, we said, was a written document; in a manner made and put together as a machine is: whereas the British constitution, while it has its documents, too, is largely a thing which has grown up by custom, and precedent, and use, and wont. And we argued that the new Imperial or British Union, which some of us have in our mind's eye, is likely to resemble the latter in its way of development more than the former.

On that same occasion we gave two important instances, each to the point, as showing what the spirit of Canada's constitution really is. Following the rebellion of 1837-38, there ensued in Old Canada a long and hard-fought political and parliamentary struggle for Responsible Government—by which was meant simply popular government according to the principles of the British constitution. In his celebrated report Lord Durham had laid it down that to keep Canada under the old system, alongside of the Republican United States, was utterly visionary and impracticable; and that the colony must have real, live constitutional government on the British model. To this the Imperial Government of the day said "yes, of course," but somehow or other there ensued a long and tedious delay ere Durham's recommendation, in words accepted, was carried out in practice. Lord Metcalfe was the last Governor-General who tried to maintain the old order of things. With a courage worthy of a better cause, and with the sickness of death already upon him, he did the best he could to save what was past saving; but the popular cause triumphed, the Clergy Reserves were abolished, and "Responsible Government and the Voluntary Principle"—to quote the motto of the old Toronto Examiner, carried the day.

Now the historian may search in vain for any Act of Parliament, in which is decreed, in so many words, that from and after a date specified the government of Canada must be administered by a Governor-General, acting under advice of Ministers responsible to Parliament. This is the present system, but it was not so fifty years ago. The change from one to the other was immense, it amounted virtually to a revolution. Yet there is no Act of Parliament to show for it; the thing was done by executive acts; not by new legislation, but by administration changed to suit the times. The times change and we change with them, so it was said of old. This way the British constitution grew up; and in recent time the Canadian constitution too, let us add.

Our second instance is more recent; and it is the National Policy revolution of 1878-79 that we come to now. In the former year the Canadian people declared for Protection to home production: the latter witnessed legislation by Parliament to give effect to this determination, and the prompt approval of the same by the Crown. We hear nothing of any Imperial Act saying that from a certain time the Canadian Parliament was free to impose such duties on imports as it pleased, for purposes of Protection. That there was a revolution in Canadian opinion we know. And we take it for granted that there must have been a revolution in the practice of the Home Government towards Canada, too, that is, as compared with the olden time, when certainly a high protective tariff like ours of 1879 would have got its veto from Downing-street pretty quick. There was no Imperial Act of Parliament to account for the change, but simply a new executive order.

Thus, by simply assenting to Canada's great Protectionist Act of 1879, the Crown virtually recognized Canada's Commercial Independence. This was then established; but, as we said in our last article on the subject, it was "established some more" when almost two years ago Sir Charles Tupper, against influential remonstrances from England, advanced the iron duties. That was a test case, which proved that Canada had really won her Commercial Independence, and no mistake about it.

Here are two great instances for Canada, the meaning of which it is impossible to mistake. At an earlier time we gain Responsible Government; later on we gain Commercial Independence. That is doing pretty fair, is it not? But now we want something more; we want power to make our own commercial treaties with foreign powers, is is said. Well, you will get that too, if you will just take it cool, and go ahead in the practical, constitutional way. Or, to tell the real, *bona fide* truth, you have it already, though you pretend not to know it. You know that any day you want a treaty of commerce with Spain or the United States, for instance, and your Canadian Commissioner can certify that the other party is willing, he can have a British Minister right along with him to put the thing through. In this way what more the people of Canada want will grow up and establish itself: only remember this—all the time keep your foot down on the annexation viper. For that would soon sting Canada to death if it got the chance.

In The Mail of Wednesday last, we find a brief report of an address delivered the day before by Mr. A. McNeill, M. P., at an Imperial Federation meeting in Paisley, Ontario. We take a few lines, which chime in well with what The World has said as to the true solution of the Imperial Union problem:

He fully explained that Imperial Federation existed to-day, the Empire consisting of a number of States bearing allegiance to a common sovereign, recognizing one central authority, and having as to that central authority an undefined but well-understood constitution. He said that Imperial Federationists did not propose a brand new constitution for the British Empire. He believed that the existing constitution of the Empire would broaden down from precedent to precedent as the British Constitution had done.

The Two Smalls.

The World has declared elsewhere that it is not going to follow the exposures of the doings of the license commissioners into the field of party politics. That is for The Mail and Globe and Empire. But it wishes to call Hon. Oliver Mowat's attention to one thing: that he passed a law transferring the officials of Osgoode Hall from the control of the judges to his own department—that of the Attorney-General—and that among the officials so brought under his control was John Small, an officer at the Hall, now member for East Toronto. Mr. Mowat also passed a bill transferring the bailiffs of the division courts from the control of county judges to the Attorney-General's department. Among the officials so transferred was Bailiff Peter Small.

John Small was a Tory, active in his party work. Mr. Mowat disciplined him for meddling in politics, but Peter Small has not yet been reprimanded for his partisan conduct and for his "levies" made on hotel men for the benefit of the Reform Club.

Surely, Mr. Mowat, you do not appear in good light in this matter. If we are doing you an injustice, we shall be glad to publish to the people of Ontario any explanation you may make in the Legislature.

The Right Kind of Enterprise.

The World cannot announce that it has made arrangement for any New York paper's cables; but it has set three more reporters to work on its city staff, now the largest in Toronto, so as to ensure every morning the best collection of local news served up by any paper in Toronto. Our special corps of Ottawa men leave for the work of the session next Tuesday. We are extending our connections all over the province, with the end in view of obtaining special and exclusive news, and we are adding such mechanical improvements as will make The World the best morning paper in Canada. We have increased our subscription lists by some 1200 names since the new year, and have now the largest circulation of any morning paper in Canada.

The Only Excuse.

The only excuse we have heard for the levies made by the Reform Club and Organizer Preston on the hotel-keepers of Toronto, is that the Tories at Ottawa have done the same thing on the manufacturers. Two blacks don't make a white, and we hope Mr. Mowat is not going to take refuge in such a plea, and under it refuse to reform the hideous abuses that now mark the administration of liquor licenses in Toronto.

Mr. Conyngham Crawford Taylor, of Her Majesty's Customs, has issued an enlarged and revised edition of his deservedly popular and instructive book, "Toronto Called Back." The record of our city is brought down from 1847 to 1888, and therein is shown the wonderful growth and progress of Toronto, the development of its manufacturing industries, together with interesting reminiscences of the last 40 years. All this matter, well arranged, is valuable to the citizens, and in addition to the work being a full and accurate record of the city and its affairs, there is a well written account of the Queen's Jubilee. The illustrations of "Toronto Called Back" are good, and the book will be an acquisition to the library and a useful and pleasing present to friends at a distance.

Whose Hands?

From The Peterboro Examiner.

The police have some tame mice at the station that during the night, when all is quiet, will come out of their holes and feed from their hands.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The St. Paul's Church Concert at the Pavilion—Other Amusement Matters.

Great progress is being made in church-building by the Roman Catholics of Toronto. In the West end St. Mary's Church, in Bathurst street, is nearing completion; in the eastern district the magnificent church of St. Paul, at Queen and Power-streets, is showing its lofty and spacious proportions. It will be one of the grandest Catholic churches in the Province, and will, it is expected, be opened in the summer. Its cost will be in the neighborhood of $90,000. A large proportion of this has been raised, and to aid the building fund Father Morris, the indefatigable priest at the present St. Paul's, arranged a capital concert which took place in the Pavilion last night. The attendance was large, the program choice, Irish melodies having the predominance, and the affair successful in every respect. The concert was under the direction of Mr. F. H. Torrington, who also acted as pianist. The vocalists were Miss Katie Ryan, soprano; Mrs. Pelley, contralto; Mr. Dimmock, tenor; Mr. Warrington, basso.

Mr. Clark, the famous cornet soloist, was the hero of the night and played four times. There were 15 numbers on the program, and for once encores were the exception. The more popular music met with the heartiest reception: "Killarney," "Demon Anthony," "Minstrel Boy," "Father O'Flynn," "Swanee River," "The Skippers."

The vocalists are well known and kept up their reputation. Mr. Rainsf was the funny man, and a section of the audience, specially the juveniles, roared with laughter at his character songs. Father Morris was a delighted auditor, and is satisfied with the financial result of the entertainment.

St. Matthias' Scholars' Entertainment.

St. Matthias' Church Sunday-school entertainment was held last night in St. Andrew's Hall. There was a large attendance, including relatives and friends of the scholars. An interesting program of dialogues, tableaux, club-swinging, vocal and instrumental music was gone through. Deserving of mention are the "Three Little Maids from School," "The Sleeping Beauty" (tableau) and the school drill. During the evening prizes were distributed to successful pupils during the past year. Some of the prizes did not arrive and will be distributed next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Harrison, the rector, remarked that he was much pleased at the large attendance of scholars and friends.

Notes of Amusements.

Mdme. Albani and company arrived in Montreal yesterday and are stopping at the Windsor Hotel. The sale of seats for her Toronto engagement will begin at Nordheimer's next Monday morning.

Kate Castleton will give three more performances at the Grand Opera House, including a matinee to-morrow afternoon.

"Mazeppa" will run at the Toronto Opera House till Saturday evening. There will be a matinee to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. A. S. Vogt (organist of the Jarvis-street Baptist Church), of the Toronto College of Music staff of teachers, will give an illustrative lecture upon Wagner and his compositions at the College of Music early in February.

At the Toronto Opera House next week Chapman & Sellers company, with Mrs. McKee Rankin as the star, will appear in "The Golden Giant." The Hartford Record says: "The play gives Mrs. Rankin an ample opportunity to display her talents. The support was good, Mr. H. A. Lewis as Jack Mason being especially noticeable. Applause was frequent and hearty."

The Hungarian Gypsy Band will play this evening in Permanent Exhibition. The "Irish Patrol" will be repeated, by request the overture from "William Tell."

An Explanation from Ald. Maughan.

Ald. Maughan desires to contradict the statement that he resigned the agency of the Royal Insurance Company. Mr. William Tatley, general agent at Montreal, having taken the position from him without a moment's previous notice. Mr. Maughan will be found at No. 20 Wellington-street East, where all his business will be attended to.

Personal Mention.

Mr. J. M. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, is at the Queen's.

Judge Finkle of Woodstock is at the Queen's.

A. B. Gray, the prominent wholesale dry goods merchant of Victoria, B.C., is at the Queen's.

Mr. Harry Corby, M.P., Belleville, is at the Rossin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Russell, Quebec, are at the Queen's.

Mille Remerciements!

Heigh-ho! some pretty poems!
And from a friend whom I've not seen for such
A long, long time. At least I think you sent
them—
Sometimes I do not doubt that it was you,
And then again, I fancy that the sorawl,
(Pardon this homely word, none can I find
To express the art and suit the metre too.)
Is just a little unlike yours of old;
But then I look again and recollect
Old time brings many changes, why not here!
And I am sure. Then once again I doubt,
When lo! a new discovery is made,
And now I'm almost positive you did it!
For on the pretty cover lingers still
La fumee de tabac—don't you remember,
It flavored all the books you used to lend me!
Now this recalls an hour with Souveene,
Who told us of an old man and his pipe.
Perhaps you have not yet forgotten it!
But I must haste to thank you for your gift,
For next to lovely women, I admire
"The language of the angels"—Poetry—
Mon bon ami, je vous remercie bien!

Picton, January. *Monaseta*

THE LEGISLATIVE SHOW.

THE HOUSE WAS OPENED WITHOUT CANNON AND NOISE.

The Governor Went Down to the Parliament Building Like an Ordinary Gentleman—Many Ladies in the Chamber—New Members Sworn in.

Gradually the pomp of military array, the boom of amateur artillery, the dazzling sun reflections from shining tin helmets that have hitherto attended the opening of the sessions of the Ontario Legislative Assembly are passing away, and if His Honor the present Lieut.-Governor of the Province, Sir Alexander Campbell, C.M.G., continues to wipe away, as he has in the past two years, the frivolities attendant upon the opening, there will be ample reason for democracy to crow and aristocracy to lament. The public nevertheless dearly like a show that costs nothing, and Sir Alexander is, so to speak, letting them down easily. Yesterday was opened the third session of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Ontario with as little display as possible, but with new rules of procedure. Speaker Baxter, who by the way since Hon. T. B. Pardee has vacated through illness is now the only charter member of the Assembly left in the present House, took the chair at 2.30 and opened the proceedings with the usual prayer, after which the House adjourned till 3 o'clock, when His Honor was due to arrive.

In the meantime a surge of humanity, which comprised many well-dressed ladies, rushed into the chamber. The specially favored fair ones occupied seats on the floor and every member's chair held a lady. The Speaker's and the general gallery and the press galleries were speedily filled.

People Who Were There.

Chief among the ladies present were Mrs. Mowat, the Premier's wife, accompanied by Mrs. Gibson, wife of Hon. J. M. Gibson, the newly appointed Provincial Secretary from Hamilton, and Mrs. S. F. McKinnon, the three occupying the leading seats of honor. On the other side in the opposite seats of honor were Mrs. Meredith, wife of the Opposition leader; Mrs. Monk, wife of the Conservative whip and the Misses Monk. The only representative of the Bench was Mr. Justice Proudfoot, while the Church was represented by Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wild, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and Mrs. Macdonnell, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Rev. J. Milligan, Rev. Esthers Rooney and Laurent, Administrators, Rev. G. M. Milligan, Rev. James Wadsworth, Superintendent of the Methodist Missions of Manitoba and the Northwest. Hon. G. W. Allan, Speaker of the Dominion Senate, and Mrs. Allan had prominent seats, as did also Mr. Samuel Nordheimer, German Vice-Consul, Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. T. W. Anglin, Sheriff Mowat, James Beaty, Q.C. Other prominent people there, besides members of the House, were City Solicitor Biggar and Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. G. B. Smith, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Close, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cook, M.P., John Hallam and Mrs. Hallam, Mrs. and Miss Dawson, Mrs. E. King Dodds and the Misses Dodds, Mrs. J. A. McAndrews, Prof. Loudon, Prof. Keys, License Commissioners Armstrong and Proctor, Ald. Tait, E. E. Sheppard and Mrs. Sheppard, Patrick Boyle, James Hamilton, Mr. Carthy, Wm. Houston, Captain and Miss Douglas, Mrs. Alex. Mackenzie, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Scott, Miss Parsons, Miss Robinette, Mrs. and Miss Milligan, Mrs. French, Mrs. Kingsmill, Mrs. MacMahon of Dundas, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. W. G. Matthews.

The members of the Cabinet were all present, but Hon. J. M. Gibson was not there as a minister owing to his having to be re-elected since his appointment as Provincial Secretary. Mr. W. R. Meredith, the leader of the Opposition, was in attendance and looked quite hearty. Of Toronto's members the only one present was Mr. H. E. Clarke. Mr. Levs did not put in an appearance and Mayor Clarke was ill at home.

The Arrival of His Honor.

At 2.55 the "C" Infantry School, officered by Capt. McDougall and Lieutenants Cartwright and Kortwright, which was drawn up in front of the building as a guard of honor, presented arms and the band played the National Anthem as a closed carriage, drawn by a pair of spanking chestnuts, containing the Lieut.-Governor and his private secretary, Mr. Harcourt Vernon, drove up. This approaching the Parliament Buildings was much less solemn and dignified than similar affairs of a few years ago, when the Head of the Province drove in an open carriage surrounded by a mounted escort with clanking swords and jingling harness, while there was roared out a deafening artillery salute. His Honor wore over his Windsor uniform of the second-class a medium-weighted overcoat and his head was covered with a "plug." He carried his cocked hat in his hand. He entered the Speaker's room, and after removing his outer wraps donned his uniformed something unprecedented, of late years anyway. He proceeded through the long hall to the main hall on the west side and entered the chamber by the main door instead of by the side door near the throne. First came Commander Law, R.N., official secretary, resplendent in his gold-corded naval uniform and Mr. Harcourt Vernon, plainly dressed in black, and wearing a meek look, both taking their stations on either side of the throne. Then followed Lieut.-Col. Dawson, A.D.C., and Lieut.-Col. John Gray, District Paymaster and Superintendent of Stores, looking gay and warlike in crimson and gold. Last came the Lieut.-Governor in gold-decked uniform, wearing the decorations of his orders, and accompanied by Premier Mowat.

When Sir Alexander had taken his seat on the throne, Hon. A. S. Hardy, Commissioner of Crown Lands, whose last official act before vacating the Provincial Secretary's office was to write the "speech from the throne," stepped up to His Honor and handed him a printed copy of the document, which was tied in the right hand top corner, like Janet's hair, with a "bunch of blue ribbons." This is the speech:

The Speech From the Throne.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I have much pleasure in again welcoming you to your annual duties as representatives of the Province in Parliament assembled.

I congratulate you on the recent decision of the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council confirming the right of the Province to the Crown Lands, including timber and minerals, situate within the Provincial boundaries as declared in 1884 by the decision of their Lordships and the Order of Her Majesty in Council.

I have the pleasure of informing you that there is a fair prospect of our Northerly Boundary as well as our Westerly Boundary, being satisfactorily settled by Imperial Statute at the next Session of Parliament.

I am glad to know that the agricultural industries of the country have been fairly prosperous during the past year; that, though the early part of the season was unfavorable, and in some localities crops and pastures were badly affected by drouth, yet that, over the greater portion of the province, cereals, roots and fruits have been abundant and of superior quality. Increased efficiency has been given by the legislation of last session to the department of agriculture throughout all its varied services; and experience is already justifying the policy of assigning to the department a minister free to devote to it his whole energies.

THE PROVINCE'S VALUABLE MINES.

Acting upon a recommendation of the House, I appointed a commission last year to inquire into the mineral resources of the province and the best means for their development. Much valuable information was gathered by this commission and I have reason to believe that already its labors have resulted in drawing a large measure of attention to our mineral wealth. I also deemed it expedient to have the province represented at the Centennial Exposition of the Ohio Valley and Central States, held at Cincinnati last summer; and, having in view the special importance of attracting foreign enterprise and capital to our mining industry, it was determined to confine the exhibit to minerals. It is expected that the official reports on both subjects will be completed and ready before the close of the session to be laid before you.

With the growth of the Province, and the increasing competition in every department of industry, the increased necessity for skilled labor is constantly becoming more urgent. The School of Practical Science, owing to its limited equipment and staff, has so far met the demand inadequately, although the school has been efficient within the field which it has occupied. Measures will be submitted to you for enlarging the staff, increasing the facilities of the school in reference to mining matters, and extending the curriculum so as to include the study of applied mechanics, applied chemistry, and of architecture, according to the methods adopted by the best schools of a similar kind in Great Britain and the United States.

THE CITY AND THE UNIVERSITY.

An agreement of the City of Toronto to permanently endow two additional chairs in the Provincial University in settlement of certain litigated questions between the city and the University will be submitted for your approval and legislative sanction.

Amongst the other measures to be submitted for your consideration are: A new Voters' List Act, embodying with the present law so far as it is applicable the provisions needed for carrying into full effect the legislation of last session in reference to Manhood Suffrage; and bills for increasing the efficiency of the Factory Act and the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act; and for further improving the laws respecting Land Titles and the Registration of Deeds.

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL MATTERS.

I regret to say that the accounts between the Dominion and Province are still unsettled. Since the last session of the Legislature a conference in connection with the accounts took place between the Finance Minister and the Treasurers of Quebec and Ontario; the conference lasted several days; and considerable progress had been made, when the work of the conference was interrupted by the representatives of the Dominion Government taking an entirely new and unexpected position with respect to the interest on the balances at the credit of the provinces, the new contention involving a difference to this province of a large sum. Representations have since been made to the Dominion Government by the treasurers of the two provinces which, I hope, may induce a reconsideration of the matter and the acquiescence of the Dominion Government in the just demands of the provinces.

I regret also to say that the questions between this province and the province of Quebec are likewise unsettled; the intended arbitration provided for in both provinces by statute not having been proceeded with, in consequence of a difference as to the matters to be referred; my Government desired that all unsettled matters in dispute should be submitted; and Quebec was not prepared to include the question of the Land Improvement Fund, or any matters except such as relate to the school lands. I hope that some satisfactory way of removing the difficulties in the way of a complete settlement may soon be found.

The public accounts of this Province, showing the receipts and expenditures for the past year, will promptly be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue has exceeded the amount anticipated and that the aggregate expenditure has been kept within the estimates.

Introducing the New Members.

After Sir Alexander and his escort left the chamber the entire gathering fell into a buzz and a general hand-shaking. This was carried on for half an hour in the interval which always follows to allow the usual routine motions to be prepared by the Clerk of the House. Mr. Mowat and his ministers welcomed their followers by hand-shakings and congratulations, while Mr. Meredith carried on a similar pastime "across the floor."

At 3.45 Speaker Baxter again took the chair and the first business on the card was the introduction of new P. members, of which there were four, exclusive of Hon. Charles Drury and Dr. W. A. Willoughby of East Northumberland.

Hon. Charles Drury, East Simcoe, was introduced by Hon. C. Mowat and Hon. C. F. Fraser.

Dr. W. A. Willoughby, East Northumberland, introduced by Mr. Meredith and Mr. H. E. Clarke (Toronto).

Mr. J. C. Dance, East Elgin, introduced by Hon. A. S. Hardy and Mr. Balfour.

Mr. E. J. Davis, North York, introduced by Hon. G. W. Ross and Mr. Allan of West Wellington.

Mr. Hugh Smith, Frontenac, introduced by Mr. Monk and Mr. Ostrom.

Mr. Caldwell (Lib.), the member-elect for North Lanark, was not on hand to take his seat.

All of the new members were warmly welcomed by their friends.

Around the Lobbies.

Hon. Oliver Mowat gave the usual At Home to the members and their lady friends at his St. George-street residence last night.

Hon. C. F. Fraser takes the old seat of Mr. Pardee beside the Premier.

The visitors got a good view of the party from Government House yesterday, as they had to walk across the entire chamber to reach their seats. Lieut.-Governor Campbell, who is still ill, was not of the party.

There was no attempt at evening dress among the ladies who attended. Many of them wore their furs during their welcome stay in the chamber.

Hon. Edward Blake renewed acquaintance with many old friends. The ex-Liberal leader looks robust and healthy. His new-fashioned style of dressing his hair seemed to attract general attention. It is said he caught the *wrinkle* from a Roman barber!

The rosy face and shiny pate of Mr. John Leys was conspicuous in the chamber yesterday. But Adam Armstrong and Mr. J. E. Proctor were there with both feet.

Mr. Mowat looked as if he had been flirting with "Laird's Bloom of Youth."

Herman Cook, M.P., was as usual the *biggest* oad in the puddle.

Mrs. Gibson, being a new "cabinet lady," was the center of attraction on the floor of the House. She was heard to remark to Col. Gillmor, the clerk of the House, that the Conservatives of the Ambitious City would not be so unkind as to offer opposition to her Colonel's re-election.

Ald. Joseph Tait told a group of friends who were congratulating him on his election to a seat in the City Council that he never more would a white horse be seen in a 12th of July procession in the streets of Toronto.

"Mr. Whitney (of Dundas) is the handsomest man in the House," so a lady who climbed up into the reporters' roost was heard to say to Archie MacCallum of The Globe.

If the House ever decides on a chaplain The World would nominate Mr. T. D. Craig of East Durham. Mr. Craig in addition to being no mean parliamentary orator is somewhat of a pulpiteer.

Mr. John B. Freeman, the popular ministerial whip, was not on hand. Whereat Capt. J. H. Beaty and Old Mr. Tooley of Middlesex were sad and depressed.

Where M.P.P.'s Are Staying.

At the Queen's—W. R. Meredith, J. P. Whitney, T. D. Craig, D. Willoughby, William Morgan, A. F. Wood.

At the Rossin—Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hon. Chas. Clarke, Jas. McMahon, E. J. Davis, C. C. Field, Isaac Master, J. J. Gould, N. Awry, Thomas Ballantyne.

At the Walker—W. P. Hudson, Samuel Armstrong, J. Clancey, O. J. Phelps, P. Graham, F. C. Stewart, W. A. Hammill, R. Tooley, J. S. Cruess, W. Kerns, R. Ferguson, Dr. Wylie, Wm. Lees.

At the Palmer—W. Ostrom, W. B. Wood, A. B. Ingram, J. C. Dance.

At the Continental—John Waters, Hugh Smith.

Western Algoma is Grateful.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 24.—Port Arthur's Mayor telegraphs Premier Mowat that Western Algoma reads with gladness the message from the throne which intimates that Algoma will no longer be held back, that the development of her mineral resources will have governmental assistance, and suggests a railway aid as of the first importance.

Sudden Death of John McConnill.

Mr. William Smith of the Osgoode House received a telegram yesterday morning from Lincoln, Neb., announcing the sudden death of Mr. John McConnill, his brother-in-law, a gentleman well known in this city. Owing to the distance, Mr. Smith was unable to go to Lincoln to attend the funeral.

Mr. McConnill was brain despatcher of the Grand Trunk in this city, where he had many warm friends. At the time of his death he was superintendent of the Burlington and Missouri River Railway.

Steamship Arrivals.

Date.	*Name.*	*Reported at.*	*From.*
Jan. 24	Britannic	Queenstown	New York
"	Elba	Southampton	

The Allan steamship, Manitoban, from Glasgow for Philadelphia via Halifax, arrived at Halifax at 6.30 a.m. on Thursday.

The Allan mail steamship, Nova Scotian, from Baltimore for Liverpool, via Halifax and St. Johns, Nfld., arrived at St. Johns at 4.30 a.m. and continued her voyage at noon on Thursday.

The Allan mail steamship Sarmatian sailed from Portland for Liverpool, via Halifax, at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday.

THE ENGLISH HANDICAPS.

A FALLING OFF IN THE ENTRIES FOR THE SPRING EVENTS.

Jumping Races Abandoned at Saratoga—Trotting at Trenton—Tankard Match at Peterboro—Toronto Checker Club Tournament—Sporting Notes.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Racing matters are very quiet here just now. An industrious bookmaker, however, has scooped in some bets on the Derby this week. After vainly trying to bet 300 to 100 on the field he sprung to 100 to 30, which he was enabled to lay several times. The second favorite, Laureate, was an offer at 6 to 1, which would not be taken. A price was asked for about each of the four favorites; and, after a little talk, 100 to 15 was taken six times about each, viz., Dohovan, Laureate, Chitabob and Eldorado, to win £600. Two fresh outsiders made their appearance in Gulliver and Gay Hampton, who were supported at 1000 to 50 and 200 to 10 each.

The Calendar has come to hand with entries for the spring handicaps. They nearly all show a remarkable falling off. The once "Great" Metropolitan has dropped to twenty-eight subscribers, as compared with the thirty-seven of last season, and the Northamptonshire stakes also show a slight falling from thirty-three in 1888 to twenty-nine now. The Lincolnshire handicap has the same number of subscribers—sixty-four—as last season, but the City and Suburban has not done so well, sixty being the mark, or ten subscriptions fewer than the previous season. The Chester Cup is falling off a bit, but the Leicestershire Spring Handicap has met with the worst fate of all, as it has failed to fill. The two chief handicaps at Newmarket, Craven meeting—the Crawford and the Babraham Plates—are published, the first mentioned affair having received three more entries than last year, while the Babraham Plate has not been so well supported.

It is understood that the noble army of ready money bookmakers have determined to associate themselves for the purpose of establishing a solid understanding with their clients the public. As a first step the leading firms of fielders, whose system of finance is the only sure one for guarding against bad debts, agree that they would only bet in ready money on the understanding that the horse that first passes the judge is to be counted as the winner for purposes of their dealings with backers, if, that is, "all right" is officially declared before objection is laid. That there may not be any misunderstanding on this score, said condition will be boldly advertised on the back of each betting slip issued. The principle will, I may add, be enforced no matter whether the backer accepts a ticket or not. So long as he bets in ready money it will be assumed that he expects ready—i. e. prompt settlement. So much discontent was felt at the successive blows inflicted by protests against Alayrance, Et Cetera and Chancery that the associates felt they could not bear to lose time in letting all and sundry know their intentions on this head.

It seems now almost any odds that the case of Wood against Lord Durham will be tried previous to the sitting of the commission appointed to adjudicate in the matter of Cheyrand *vs.* Hunter. It is perfectly certain that the two cases cannot be heard concurrently, and this is the reason why the date fixed for the opening of the commission has been postponed. It is generally doubted whether the commission would ever exist in anything more than name, and we can still see a possibility of Wood's action practically settling both cases.

FOUR BIG ENGLISH RACES.

The Meeting of Donovan and Chitabob Looked Forward to With Great Interest.

The approaching flat racing season in England bids fair to be a lively one, and some of the early events to be decided are among the richest of the year. In the first half of the season two or three new races will be run which must have an important bearing on the Two Thousand and the Derby. The Prince of Wales' Stakes, says "Meteor" in The London Daily News, down for decision in the second week of the season at Leicester, is worth $60,000. It is restricted to three-year-olds, and will be nearly three times as valuable as either the Two Thousand or the Derby. At Newmarket, on May 22—about a fortnight preceding the Blue Riband—the Newmarket stakes of $35,000 will be run, and here too the candidates will be three-year-olds. Between the new venture at Leicester and that at headquarters there is the Royal stakes at Kempton Park to be dealt with, and although this is a weight for age contest it is only reasonable to assume that a fair proportion of the competitors for the handsome dollar prize will be three-year-olds. Should the Two Thousand and the Derby bring out fields of about a dozen each they will be worth something less than $25,000 to their respective winners. Great as is the desire to secure these classic events, it is to be feared that in this commercial age the formidable rivals just mentioned will considerably reduce their importance.

At the present moment the question uppermost in the minds of the majority of sportsmen is whether Chitabob will be able to meet Donovan on anything like equal terms, so far as condition is concerned. The two stand out far ahead of all others of their age, with perhaps the exception of Laureate, and he has only to be reckoned with in the Newmarket Stakes and the Derby. Donovan, on the other hand, is engaged in each of the five important races mentioned above, and he can be opposed by Chitabob in the Prince of Wales' Stakes, the Two Thousand, and in the Derby. The Duke of Portland's champion has twice met the Malton colt, and at the present moment the pair are "trick and tie," Donovan easily defeating his northern antagonist in the Portland Stakes at Leicester, and Chitabob turning the tables in the Whitaside Plate at Manchester, where, however, he was in receipt of no less than 13 pounds. I'Anson's representative after this was only able to fulfil two engagements, and in the autumn he was suffering from acute rheumatism, which prevented him from deciding the rubber with Donovan, either in the Middle Park or the Dewhurst plates. The meeting of the pair in the spring is looked forward to as one of the features of the season, and should both winter well and escape the maladies and mishaps which so often befall blood stock at the critical period of their lives, it is quite certain that the rivalry between the two will be of the keenest description.

Trotting at Trenton.

TRENTON, Jan. 24.—This was the second and last day of the ice meeting here. The weather was favorable and attendance good. The results:

Three minute class—Purse $150.

Bay Jim (Peterboro)	1	1	1
Minnie Moore (Whitby)	3	2	2
Prince Edward Boy (Picton)	2	3	3

Free-for-all—Purse $200.

Johnny B (Kingston)	1	2	1
Pan Handle (Prescott)	2	1	2
Royal Jim (Peterboro)	3	3	3

Pacing class—Purse $150.

Bay Billy (Napanee)	1	1	1
Jim Barber (Farmersville)	2	2	2
Marmaduke (Frankford)	3	3	3

NO JUMPING RACES AT SARATOGA.

The Value of the Steeplechaser Is Decreasing.

The Saratoga Racing Association has decided to do away with jumping races at its meeting hereafter, and therefore the once famous Trouble and North America steeplechases do not appear among the stakes of the Association to close March 1. This is certainly to be regretted, especially by Canadians, who always contributed largely to this class of sport. And here is another hard blow to the cross-country performers. With Jerome Park, Monmouth Park and Saratoga out of the field, the value of the jumper will be greatly decreased next season and the hunt club meetings, too, are being abandoned, owing to the big associations crowding them out in the matter of dates. The future of the jumper looks anything but a rosy one. The Rockaway Association will have to offer big inducements at its meeting in July in order to get owners to prepare their horses for a few days' racing over sticks.

The only hope for the steeplechaser in America is that meetings of the kind be carried on after the regular racing season, to continue through the winter months as in England, and it will ultimately come to this in the United States.

Gossip of the Turf.

Ossory and Galore will leave England for America on Jan. 31.

Mr. J. D. Matheson and Joseph Duggan's new purchase, Colonist, arrived in Toronto from London last night.

Rumor has it that the real purchaser and the real owner of Galore, the crack English race horse, is Mr. Astor of New York.

Mr. George Forbes, the Woodstock turfman, is in Toronto and gives a good account of all the thoroughbreds wintering there. Mr. Forbes' pair, Oliver and Cast Off, are doing as well as could be expected, and will sport silk at the O. J. C. meeting in May.

The four-year-old gelding, The Boss by Virgil—Maggie Morgan, who is quartered at the Ontario Veterinary College, is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia, which last Friday threatened to end his career, but the skillful treatment of Doctors Smith and Stewart has brought him round, and he is now out of danger.

Indianapolis May Remain.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 24.—There are indications that a strong effort will be made to retain the League ball club in this city. Yesterday Messrs. Dickson and Talbott, who manage several theatres here and at other points in Indiana, sent a telegram to President Young of the League, asking if the Indianapolis franchise was for sale and for what it could be bought, providing the purchaser would agree to maintain the club. To this President Young responded that at present he had no power to dispose of the franchise and he could not name a figure.

The Central League Meeting.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Jan. 24.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Central League in this city to-night the resignation of C. R. Fuller of Scranton as Secretary-treasurer, was accepted and Jas. N. Braden of Jersey City elected to the place and required to give $8000 bonds. The annual guarantee of $500 for each club was ordered to be paid by Feb. 1. The Newark, Elmira and Jersey City clubs were appointed to recommend a city to fill the vacancy caused by Easton's expulsion.

Dust From the Diamond.

Manager Leadley of the Detroits is negotiating with Toronto for the release of Sheppard.

Rochester would like to secure Tommy Kearns of the Torontos, but don't care to pay anything for his release.

President McConnell will leave for New York this afternoon. He goes to Gotham on a business visit to-day.

Andrus, second baseman of the Buffalos, who is now in Toronto, has been appointed a sessional writer at the Ontario Legislative.

Lafferty, who played with Portland in 1887 and headed the short-stops in the New England League that year, has signed with Buffalo.

Eddy Burke, Toronto's center fielder, will remain in Toronto until the baseball season opens and will practice in some covered building with Andrus and Sheppard.

BOBCAYGEON WINS THE CONTEST

For the Ontario Tankard at Peterboro—Lakefield Defeats Millbrook.

PETERBORO, Jan. 24.—Last evening the second draw in the primary contest for the Ontario Tankard was played. Bobcaygeon having drawn the bye the Campbellford and Keene rinks were down for the first match. The Campbellfords could only muster one rink, as several of their players had left for home. The result was as follows:

Keene.		*Campbellford.*	
	RINK NO. 1.		
W. Kennedy		R. Dinwoodie	
J. McCrae		R. Cumming	
J. Dickson		G. Eakins	
J. Miller, skip	19	J. White, skip	16
Majority for Keene 3 shots.			

This left Keene and Bobcaygeon to play the final draw this evening. The ice was good and the play enthusiastic