THE TORONTOS WITHDRAW.

FROM THE NATIONAL AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

Chicago Beaten By St. Louis in the Second Game for the World's Baseball Championship — Bookmakers Victimized — Death of Princeton.

MONTREAL, April 8.—The convention of the National Amateur Lacrosse Association opened this afternoon at the Windsor with a poor attendance of delegates. Vice-President R. B. Hamilton of Toronto presided in the absence of President Guerin. After the chairman's address the secretary read the report of the committee recommending fourteen new clubs for membership, of which ten were from Ontario. On motion all were admitted, when the delegates' credentials had been presented and accepted.

Secretary Cleghorn read the annual report, which recounted the history of the past year, mentioning the visit of the Irish and New York teams. There are now sixty clubs in the association, an increase of twelve over last year, and new clubs are applying daily. Two new districts have been formed in Ontario, viz.: the Ottawa Valley and Northwestern. Various championships are touched upon and their holders voted one senior championship. The report says "this was the second year of the series system of deciding the senior championship and competition for first place was extremely close, the Montreal club evidently winning it. Unfortunately the disputes as to powers of the Committee of Management is now a matter of history, and your council do not consider this report the proper place to make any mention of the disagreement." The finances were reported satisfactory, and amended bylaws were promised to be presented.

President Butler of the Shamrocks, seconded by President McIndoe of the Montreals, moved the adoption of the report.

This was met by Presidents Nelson of the Torontos moving, seconded by Dan Rose, the following amendment:

"That the report of the council be amended by striking out the section relating to the senior championship and inserting instead the following: That owing to the fact that the Montreal and Toronto clubs tied in the number of championship matches won during the past season, it has been impossible to award the championship pennant, and it is, therefore, considered necessary that a date should be fixed for the playing off of the said tie as early as possible this season.'"

Mr. Nelson supported this motion in an able speech from the Toronto side of the case, which was followed by Dan Rose. They claimed that they were willing to play the Montreals and should be given a chance.

They were followed by Messrs. Lally (Cornwall), McIndoe (Montreal), Snow (Shamrock), who defended the Montreals, and Mr. J. F. Quinn, who defended Dr. Guerin, who is en route for England, from the attacks of the Torontos, being well taken up by Ross Mackenzie at several points.

After more cross-firing a vote was taken and the amendment was defeated, the report being adopted by 46 to 14. The result was greeted with cheers by the Montrealers, who were, of course, by this confirmed in the championship, and the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The Torontos Withdraw.

The Toronto Lacrosse Club held a special meeting in Philharmonic Hall last night. In the absence of President Nelson, who is attending the annual meeting of the association, the chair was occupied by the First Vice-President, Dr. J. F. Ross. There was a representative attendance of members. The chief business was the discussion as to what course should be pursued regarding the action of the association confirming the Council's listing of the Torontos as defaulters. News from Montreal was anxiously awaited and it came in the shape of this despatch from President Nelson:

Convention decided against us by 47 to 13 the ratifying default. Answer quick.

Shortly afterwards, while the discussion was at its height, this came in from the delegates at Montreal:

We advise withdrawal.—C. H. NELSON.

Then the meeting got down to work and discussed the matter clearly and intelligently. At 11.45 a decision was arrived at, and it was that the only proper course was withdrawal from the association. A few minutes later this message was flying over the wire to President Nelson:

The Toronto Lacrosse Club will withdraw from the association if they cannot stay in with honor to themselves, provided the delegates consider this course advisable.

At the evening session Major Hamilton presided and the financial report, showing a balance of $151.71 to the good, was read.

North Bay and Pembroke were accepted as members and the consideration of amendments to the constitution and rules was taken up and discussed at some length.

Ballantyne of Valleyfield moved for a committee to rearrange the southern district of Quebec and another committee appointed to rearrange the Ontario districts. The expected charges of professionalism were not brought forward.

Mr. Maltby gave notice of a motion for next year to move for a penalty for fouls, and Major Hamilton read a message on behalf of the Toronto club formally withdrawing from the association owing to the attitude taken by the convention that afternoon, and enclosing a check for the $50 fine imposed by the Comittee of Management.

After an exchange of compliments between Hamilton and others he left the chair and the election of officers was proceeded with.

THE INTERNATIONALS AT WORK.

Some of the Features of the Past and Future Events on the Ball Field.

The exhibition games played during the week by the International League clubs demonstrated the fact that the teams are capable of playing good ball, and that the fight for the pennant is to be a stubborn contest. Jersey City, Newark, Syracuse, Buffalo and Hamilton have been putting in good practice in the games played with the various American Association and other clubs. All of the players have shown up well. Newark seems to have fared best during the week, their most noteworthy victory being over the strong team of the Boston Blues, and so well have the dwellers by the Passaic done in the preliminary games, that Manager Hackett talks as if his combination has the pennant already within its grasp.

Toronto, Oswego, Utica, Rochester and Binghamton will figure in exhibition games before the league season opens, and from the showing made, an idea may be formed of the strength of the individual teams. Many predictions have been made as to the probable standing of the clubs at the end of the season. None of the predictions include the Torontos among the place winners. There is a surprise in store for those who have thus overlooked the Queen City team, whose players compare more than favorably with any other club in batting, fielding and base-running, whilst their battery work with such pitchers as Crane, McKinley, Sheppard, Barrett and Davis, and Decker and Traffley as catchers, is certain to be a prominent feature of the team's work.

Manager Cushman has his eye upon a player to fill Connor's place on the team. Until the contract is duly signed it is unwise to give the name, but it may be said that the player will prove a strong acquisition to the team. He is not an unknown by any means, but a veteran in the ranks.

Eight of the thirteen men at present on the club's pay roll are benedicts, viz.: Cushman, Davis, Traffley, Decker, McKinley, Faatz, Kearns and Alberts. When the team returns to play its home games all these players will have their wives here to glory in their victories and mourn with them when it is the other way.

Unless otherwise decided upon, Crane and Decker will be the battery in to-day's game with Cincinnati.

It is said Manager Cushman thinks his "find" is Slattery.

Decker in his younger days played with several clubs, whose failure to make good his salary causes him to remember his early professional experience with sadness.

A Splendid Day for Ball.

BUFFALO, N.Y., April 8.—Baseball fairly boomed to-day, and nearly every club of any consequence in the respective leagues was afield. The second game of the world's championship series between the St. Louis club and the Chicago club, representing the American Association and National League respectively, was played at St. Louis to-day. Pyle officiated in the box for the White Stockings, and Darling, late of the Torontos, was back stop. The Browns piled up 7 runs on free hitting in the first 3 innings before the lanky pitcher of the Chicagos got well into his work, and these seven runs just won the honors of the day, as the Chicagos were not able to bat Carruthers effectively. In the latter part of the game the Chicagos displayed their old nerve and the pitching was much improved. The play of the Chicagos indicated that it will not be safe to reckon them as out of the league contest for a prominent place. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	4 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—7	14	3	
Chicago	0 2 0 0 1 1 0 0 0—4	8	1	

At Indianapolis the league team defeated the Louisville club of the American Association in a well played game to-day. The league baby, by better hitting and brilliant fielding, led throughout the game. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Indianapolis	2 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1—6	9	5	
Louisville	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2	5	5	

At Philadelphia a big slugging contest marked the fifth and decisive game for the local championship. The league men began the music with slugging the sphere for 3 runs, then the Athletics pounded Devlin for 4 and the leaguers retaliated by scoring up 11, which the Athletics nearly matched with 9, after which the game proceeded quietly and was marked by excellent play on both sides until the close. Generally the Philadelphias outbatted their opponents and the Athletics showed superior ability in fielding. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3 11 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—16	10	12	
Athletics	4 0 0 9 1 0 1 0 0—15	15	8	

At Baltimore the Baltimore club of the American Association and the League team from Boston played an exciting game this afternoon. The great Kelly and Boston's other star attractions drew a good crowd, who were well rewarded by a close contest, in which the man features were the slugging streaks developed by each team. The Bostons won by virtue of their superiority of muscle, as the score shows:

		R.	H.	E.
Baltimore	0 2 0 2 4 0 1 0 1—10	15	3	
Boston	3 0 1 2 2 3 0 0 0—11	16	6	

At New York the Giants easily defeated the Yale Collegians to-day. Both clubs were weak afield and both were strong at the bat, the New Yorkers pounding out 7 runs on the concluding innings. George pitched for New York. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
New York	3 0 0 1 4 0 0 0 7—15	16	8	
Yale	0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 1—4	13	13	

The International clubs are all doing good work, but few of them are recording victories against the big fellows, although some closely contested games have resulted. So far the indications as judged by the way the Hamiltons are laying out the Portlands, are that the representatives of the Canucks are in for big things. The Jersey City nine, which most of the International clubs held in considerable dread at the outset, proves to be rather weaker than could be hoped for by the old fellows, while Newark shows up as a fairly strong aggregation, but by no means the terror that it was predicted to be. The Syracuse nine, by defeating Pittsburg to-day, takes a long stride upward. In the fancy of those speculative individuals who are wagering on the probable pennant winners, the excellent work of the Buffalos against prominent league and association teams, warrants the belief that they will make a record in their own association. Of Toronto, Utica, Rochester, Binghamton and Oswego it will be difficult to say much until they have got to work. They are pretty late in getting afield, and can hardly reach playing form by the opening dates.

The best game of the day in which an International club participated was that at Pittsburg between the league club of that city and the Syracuse Stars, the feature being the splendid fielding of the two nines and the hard hitting of the Syracuse men in the opening innings, after which both clubs batted quite freely in the way of singles. Dunlon's splendid control of the sphere and his ability in keeping the home team from bunching and his coolness at critical points were much admired. Handiboe pitched for Pittsburg, but he is evidently badly handicapped by the new rules. About 2000 people saw the game. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Pitzburg	2 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0—4	14	3	
Syracuse	3 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0—5	17	4	

There was again quite a crowd at Washington, D. C., to see the Buffalo nine play against the league team. Manager Chapman presented a re-arrangement of his batteries, splitting the Maple team and putting in Purvis to catch for Fanning. O'Neil will hold Zell's delivery, the idea being to balance the batting strength of the team as well as to provide for Zell's somewhat wide delivery by substituting the more supple O'Neil for Purvis. To-day's game was marked by several brilliant plays on the part of the visitors, but they proved rather weak at one or two points, having five fielding errors, and the battery work, while excellent in many features, duplicated the fielding errors and provided the Senators with sufficient advantage to win the game. O'Day pitched for Washington. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Washington	2 0 0 2 2 1 0 0 0—7	12	1	
Buffalo	0 0 0 1 0 0 3 0 0—4	9	5	

It was a good ball day in Connecticut to-day, and the Jersey Clubs had double games with their old associates of the Eastern League in Hartford and in Waterbury. In the latter city the Jersey City club sustained a double defeat in the morning game. Shaw and Murphy officiated in the points for the visitors, and the Waterburys had a great time of it in the batting line. The visitors fielded sharply, and in turn batted freely, with this result. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Waterbury	0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 5—9	20	4	
Jersey City	1 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 x—7	13	3	

Jacobs officiated in the box in the afternoon for Jersey City, and the result was much the same. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Waterbury	1 2 5 0 2 4 0 0 1—15	23	5	
Jersey City	2 2 0 2 0 2 2 2 0—12	14	6	

At Bridgeport, Conn., the Bridgeport baseball team attached to the Eastern League played its first practice game of the season to-day with the New York reserves. The morning game was witnessed by 1000 people, and resulted 6 to 3 in favor of New York. In the afternoon 5000 persons saw the home team defeat the New Yorkers 2 to 0.

At Richmond, Va., to-day Harry Spence's Portland team again succumbed to the representatives of Canada's Ambitious City by a score of 11 to 3 as follows:

		R.	H.	E.
Hamilton	0 3 2 1 0 3 1 0 1—11	20	3	
Portland	0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3	8	10	

In the morning game at Hartford the Newark team was defeated by 9 to 7. In the second game between Savannah and Charleston, Charleston won by 18 to 14.

A Holiday Game at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, April 8.—A baseball match was played here to-day between a picked nine and Walker's amateur champions of 1886, which west won by the Walkers by a score of 3 to 2. Brigham Young pitched for Walkers and kept his opponents down to four hits.

Shooting Match at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, April 8.—The shooting match under the auspices of the Wild Fowlers Gun Club was largely attended. The shoot was for $50 divided into 4 prizes, Hamilton blackbirds, 15 birds each, 15 yards rise, and was won by Wayper with a score of 14. The remaining prizes were divided by Griffith, J. Cline and R. Stroud, who each scored 11.

Some Skilful Billiard Playing.

The exhibition billiard game played yesterday afternoon in Mr. S. May's room, Kingstreet west, between McKenna, the Boston expert, and Knox of this city, was interesting, in so far that it evidenced the remarkable skill of McKenna. The conditions governing the contests were that McKenna was to make 500 or no count whilst Knox made 100. The game commenced at 3 o'clock and was devoid of particular interest till the fourth essay of the Boston man, who succeeded in getting the balls on the rail. With a peculiar delicacy of touch and execution the balls were driven around the table till 174 had been called by the marker, when the balls separated, and refused to respond to the persuasive influences of McKenna, who missed an open table carom upon his 180th shot. Knox had in the meantime gathered in 34 buttons to which he added two more. McKenna now found the balls widely separated, but managed to draw them into the upper left hand corner, from whence he started on a long journey, scoring rapidly point after point. When he returned to his starting point after safely traversing the entire length of the table, he had scored 352 points, and carefully nursing the ivories thereafter he kept them in close proximity to the rail, scoring his 500 points in about 23 minutes. In compliance with the wishes of the audience he continued, but after adding 107 points he ceased playing. A series of fancy shots were then given, eliciting warm approval. This afternoon and evening McKenna will play Knox the 14 inch balk-line game, at which he is not so proficient as straight rail. He has, however, made a run of 190 at this style of game, which is nearly as good as the best on record.

Shooting and Dog Races.

The Toronto West End Gun and Dog Sports Club had a gala day yesterday at West Toronto Junction. The program of sports embraced a series of class shoots and dog races, which were productive of capital sport. There was a large attendance of sportsmen, who thoroughly enjoyed the outing. The shooting competition was divided into three classes, each contestant firing at five live birds, from H. and T. ground traps, 26 yards rise, 100 yards boundary, and 10 Peoria blackbirds, 18 yards rise. The scores were:

FIRST CLASS.

John Bailey	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1—13
P. Wakefield	1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1—12
E. Dollery	1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0—11
E. Brown	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1—11
G. Carruthers	0 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1—10
D. Blea	1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1—9
R. Wilson	1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1—8

SECOND CLASS.

T. Boswell	0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0—8
B. W. Clark	1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0—7
W. J. Harrington	0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1—7
C. Hill	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1—6
A. W. Duncan	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1—6
H. Derry	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1—6
G. Spiller	0 1 0 0 0 3 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0—6
T. Gumbersall	0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0—5
G. Evans	0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1—5

Harrington and Clark shot off their tie for second place, the former winning.

THIRD CLASS.

F. Habart	1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1—8
J. D. Beatty	0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0—8
H. G. Jackson	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
W. Milling	0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1—7
G. Saunders	0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1—6
J. Lynch	1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1—6
J. Gorman	0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0—4

In the shoot off for first and second places Beatty and Habart were the respective winners.

The dog races were a feature of the sport, especially the fox chase, Renard being given a start of a mile, and being run to ground after an exciting chase of two miles through a ravine. The judges in this contest took a position which enabled them to be at the finish. The results follow: Greyhounds, (240 yards, five entries); F. Habart's Jolly Boy first, C. Stevenson's Fly second; Setters and Pointers, (200 yards, five entries), F. Fawcett's Charley first, D. Blea's Major second; Spaniels, (200 yards, six entries), A. Keanie's Roxie first, P. Simpson's Jack second; Terriers, (200 yards, six entries), H. Bull's Lion first, P. Wakefield's Zip second; Foxhounds, (ten entries), H. G. Jackson's Leader first, John Smilie's Grant second, T. Taylor's Bugle third.

When the Gentlemen Cricketers Will Leave.

The Canadian gentlemen will leave Toronto on the 12.20 p.m. train on June 29, and will reach Seabright next morning. On that day and the following they will play twelve of the gentlemen of New York at Seabright, the place where the international match was played last year. The Staten Island professional, (first round), and Burrows (fast over), the new professional of the Seabright Club, will play for New York. On the evening of Dominion Day Mr. Herman Clarke will dine the gentlemen in New York, and next morning they will sail by the Anchor Line Furnessia for Dublin.

The St. George's club of Hanover-square proposes to make the Canadian gentlemen honorary members during their stay in London.

Opening of the Riding Season.

The fine weather of yesterday, and it being a holiday, was the means of bringing out a large number of horsemen, many of them being in the saddle for the first time this season. About twenty-five of them, mostly members of the Toronto Hunt, went out by Slattery's and across through Carlton, near to Lambton, where they participated in some jumping, which was no doubt the first of the season. Unfortunately while crossing through Carlton Mr. J. Harris, on Silver King, received a severe kick on the leg from one of the horses and was obliged to return homeward. The knights of the pigskin were well pleased with their ride, and it is thought that if the weather keeps fine there will be a run with the hounds next Saturday.

The Bookmakers Made Victims.

The bookmakers at Chicago were struck badly on the last race at New Orleans last Saturday. Among the starters in the race were Hibernia and Telegraph. Odds of 2 to 1 were offered against Hibernia to win, and even money against Telegraph for a place. There was no betting of any account until after 5.30. Then parties who had not had a chance to bet visited the various rooms and backed Hibernia to win, and Telegraph for a place. At 5.46 "Horses at the post" was received over the wires from New Orleans, and a few minutes later came "Hibernia first, Telegraph second." On transactions that occurred at the different betting establishments almost at the same time Riley & Co. were caught for $500, Mahoney & Co. for $500, Bell & Forbride & Haverley for $300. The peculiar betting, the long wait, and the fact that they booked losings made the bookmakers conclude that there was something unnatural about the race, and they began investigating. Riley & Co. telegraphed Carley, their correspondent at New Orleans, asking what time he filed "horses at the post." The answer came back, "At 5.26." Usually a message filed at the track at New Orleans reaches the pool-rooms and bookmakers by direct wires in two minutes. Another inquiry elicited the information that the wires between Chicago and New Orleans worked all right, and the only explanation that the bookmakers could find for the delay was that there was something wrong and they had been the victims of a well executed scheme to skin them.

Death of Princeton.

R. Honey, City of Mexico, Mex., lost on March 13 the thoroughbred stallion Princeton, foaled 1874, by Oakland, dam imported Wombat, by West Australian, second dam by Birdcatcher, etc. When at his best Princeton was a superior racehorse. He beat Bushwhacker, Shylock, Frederick the Great and others, two miles, at Saratoga in 1878, and at the same meeting ran two miles in 3.36, beating Bushwhacker, Shylock, Joe, Virginius, Clemmie G., Inspiration and Lou Lanier. In the fall of that year, at Baltimore, he was beaten by Bushwhacker in a race of two-mile heats in the fast time of 3.36, 3.36½ and 3.38½. Princeton won the second heat, and was second in the other two, there being ten starters. When in Canada he was owned by Boyle and Burgess, Woodstock, Ont. Princeton had little opportunity in the stud. Among his get in Canada are Willie W. and Wild Rose both winners of the Queen's Plate, Inspire, Harry Cooper, Augusta, D. W. C. and many others. It is reported he died from lung disease.

Football in Bloor-street.

A football (Association) match was played yesterday afternoon by the Wellington and Marlborough clubs, on the Bloor-street grounds of the latter club. The match was spiritedly contested, and when play was discontinued, both elevens had scored a goal. The teams were: Marlborough—J. Meek, goal; W. Parks, A. Clark, backs; B. Waid, F. Mitchell, half-backs; E. Jarrett, F. Hodgson, centre forwards; C. Parks, A. Broughton, right forwards; W. Quigley, W. Anderson, left forwards. Wellington—W. Lee, goal; B. McKeown, D. Thompson, backs. J. Cantiff, G. Postlewaight, half-backs; A. McKeown, B. McMurrich, centre forwards; F. West, H. Pearson, right forwards; F. Mulvey, G. Woods, left forwards.

The Athletics March to Weston.

Exactly 25 members of the Toronto Athletic Association met at Bloor and Huron streets at 11 o'clock yesterday, and after congratulations started on a march for Weston. The route was via the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific tracks. Eagle's hotel was reached in 1 hour and 35 minutes. The company sat down to a rattling good country dinner, and it was wonderful to see how rapidly the edibles disappeared. The return march was made in two hours, the city being reached at 5 o'clock.

Spots of Sport.

Dexter is 23 years old, his form has wasted, but he is well preserved for a horse of his age. He is never driven now.

Just before Mr. Higgins' horses arrived at Monmouth Park, last Monday from California, the 3-year-old colt Sir Louis, by Virgil, out of imported Bon Bon, died from pneumonia.

Henry of the Newarks pitched his first game against the Boston Blues this week, and was hit safely nine times. Stovey occupied the box in the game with the Brooklyns, and was pounded unmercifully.

The International League Clubs are requested to furnish Secretary White with the address and name of the person to whom the visiting club must send or leave its "batting order," as provided in section 45.

A female admirer of Maud S. asked Mr. Bonner for one of her shoes to hang up over her boudoir door. The owner replied that he was not in the habit of giving the shoes of Maud S. away; it is the practice to keep them, so that the points where the wear is greatest may be studied, and thus act as a guide to shoeing.

The first ball game of the season in this city was played yesterday afternoon by the Stars and Bayside teams of the West End, on the G.T.R. grounds, at foot of Peter-street. The game was well played, the Baysides being the winners by a score of 8 to 3. Gallamore and Shire were the Bayside battery, and Dorsey and Toning, the Stars.

The McGolpin nine which will make a big bid for the championship this season of the Manufacturers' League played an exhibition game yesterday afternoon with a strong picked team. They made 22 hits to their opponents 5, and including the battery errors were credited with but 4. The team's two batteries, Reid and Clump, and Faatz and Reid, did excellent work.

A. J. Alexander, Woodburn Stud, Kentucky, lost recently the chestnut thoroughbred mare Jersey Belle, foaled 1868, by imported Australian, dam Archlite (dam of Fellowcraft, Rutherford, Spendthrift, Trafalgar, etc.), by Lexington, out of Florine, by imported Glencoe, etc. She was the dam of Jersey Lass (dam of Macduff and Sapphire), Favorite (dam of Favor), Kingcraft and Macbeth.

The attractions at the Yonge-street Opera House to-night comprise the fistic champions, Jack McAuliffe and Harry Gilmore, a "catch-as-catch-can" wrestling match between the Jap and Faulkner, and the usual performance by the Ideal Specialty Company. Tickets purchased for the Pavilion entertainment, which did not come off, may be exchanged at the box office from 1 to 4 this afternoon. The entertainment is sure to be prolific of great sport, as Gilmore will do his best to show his friends in Toronto his capabilities as a boxer.

Col. S. D. Bruce of New York has purchased for the British-American Ranche Co., limited, the following thoroughbred stallions: Jack of Hearts, bay horse, foaled 1887, by imported Ill-Used, dam imported Nelly James, by Dollar; Juryman (I.H.D.), bay colt, foaled 1883, by Algerine, dam Verdict, by Leamington; Virginius, brown colt, foaled 1885, by Virgil, dam Annie Hall, by Leamington; Ruddygore, chestnut colt, brother to Miss Brewster, by Springbok, dam Annie T., by War Dall; Alfonso, chestnut horse, foaled 1880, by King Lear, dam Earring, by Ringgold, and Jim Casey, chestnut horse, foaled 1880, by John Payne, son of Leamington, dam Mamie M., by War Dance. The lot have been shipped to Canada.

To Secretaries of Sporting Associations.

Secretaries of all kinds of sporting associations throughout the Dominion are requested to send to The World items of general news to the sporting public. Secretaries of city clubs and associations should send in their news on the evening of meetings, etc. This is necessary in order to have the news fresh, which is the main feature of The World.

Sporting reading advertisements will be inserted in the sporting column at the rate of 50 cents per line, eight words to the line.

The League—One Year After.

From the Baltimore Herald.

"If you're waking, call me early, call me early, sister mine,
For to-morrow, with the ballet, I shall practice with the nine.
Long and weary was the winter that has silent passed away,
Long and weary were my efforts for a slight increase of pay.

"Batsman, four strikes! Great advantage!
What you speak of scarce you wot.
Hear me sister, sister; let me tell you: 'Out on fourth, if caught or not!
Gone the high ball, gone the low ball, good what e'er comes o'er the plate:
Five to take base, so they tell me, then for five methinks I'll wait.

"Gone the kicking, gone the growling, eke the festive brick and stone,
All the word war, all the finesse, left to captain—he alone.
Gone the coach lines, farther outward, five and sixty feet away,
Gone the howling, gone the yelling, gone the coachers' pristine sway.

"Face the batsman, must the pitcher, he so blithe with skip and bound,
Solid footing, ball held frontwise, feet set firm upon the ground.
Gone his hopping, jumping, dancing, gone his subtles of the fox.
Gone his feintings, gone his twistings—he must keep within his box.

"If you're waking, call me early, call me early, sister mine,
For to-morrow ends my loafing, and I join the wakened nine.
For the pennant! For the pennant! Now the season draweth near,
When the players, balls and bases, fill the Diamond green with cheer."

Parents wanting clothing for their boys should leave their orders at Petley's.

THE MORMON CHURCH.

The Presidents' Call Upon the People to Stand True to it.

PROVO, Utah, April 8.—At the General Conference of the Mormon Church to-day an epistle was read from Presidents Taylor, Cannon and Smith, who comprise the first presidency of the Church. It congratulates the people upon the peace and prosperity attending them, and upon the increased growth of Mormonism, notwithstanding the efforts of its enemies to the contrary, and expects the people to be vigorous observers of their duties and to stand true to the principles espoused from the organization of the church. The epistle is chiefly remarkable for its silence on the subject of polygamy to which it makes no allusion whatever.

For stylish, well-made and good-fitting spring overcoats leave your orders at Petley's.

Small Boys Drinking.

A gang of small boys were having a high old time yesterday afternoon under the floors of a row of new houses on Gerrard-street, just east of the bridge, when they were suprised by Constable Quin. They have been in the habit of gathering there and making themselves generally obnoxious. They had been drinking beer and one who was arrested was half drunk. His name is Wm. Warring, aged 12, living at 17 Cornwall-street.

Grand Trunk Railway.

Return of traffic for the week ending April 2.

	1887.	1886.
Passenger train earnings	$104,245	$102,092
Freight train earnings	265,210	203,366
Total	$369,455	$305,274
Increase 1887		$ 64,089

Men's fine all wool tweed suits at $15.00, $18.00, $20.00, $22.00 and $24.00 to order at Petley's.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. H. Reed, superintendent of the Pullman Palace Car Company, Montreal, is at the Queen's.

Mayor Milloy of Niagara-on-the-Lake is at the Queen's.

Capt. Robertson of Owen Sound is at the Queen's.

Mr. A. M. Dodge, the millionaire lumber merchant of New York, is at the Queen's.

Mr. John Murray of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, Belleville, is at the Walker.

Mr. John W. Maclean of Picton is at the Walker.

Mr. John Elliott of Brantford is at the Palmer House.

Mr. C. W. Thomson and wife and Mr. S. B. Thomson of London, Eng., are at the Rossin.

Mr. John A. Morton of New York is at the Rossin.

Mr. R. S. Gurd of Sarnia is at the Rossin.

Mr. A. V. M. Sprague of Troy, N.Y., is at the Rossin.

Mr. Henry Stafford of Montreal is at the Palmer House.

Local Paragraphs.

The Jubilee Kirmess Benefit for the Infants' Home and Cottage Hospital takes place in the Horticultural Pavilion on April 12, 13, 14 and 15.

James Callon of 129 Davenport-road was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing $70 from a fellow boarder named Edward Hughes.

A disorderly house at 175 York-street was "pulled" yesterday. These arrests were made: Rhoda Neil, keeper; Mary Fallon, inmate; Michael Flynn, frequenter.

Capt. Haddon, while walking on the ice yesterday near his vessel, the Mary Ann Lydon, broke through and narrowly escaped being drowned.

THE ROMANCE OF THE ROSARIO.

Gen. Alford's Story of the Reopening of an Old Mexican Silver Mine.

From the St. Louis Republican.

If the histories of the old miners of Mexico could be collected in one volume, what stories of patient toil, slavery and bloodshed could be resurrected from those ancient holes in the ground! Probably none of these mines could tell a stranger or a sadder history than one which is located about twenty miles north of Monterey, which is now being reopened by a company of which Gov. John C. Brown of Texas is the President and Gen. George F. Alford of Dallas the Secretary and Treasurer. Gen. Alford has recently returned from a trip to the mines, and, in conversation yesterday with the reporter of the Republican, told the following story of the ancient claim:

"The Rosario mine," he said, "is located four miles south of the city of Salinas, about twenty miles north of Monterey and 170 miles from Laredo. It was discovered by the Spaniards in 1596, and was worked with great profit for over a century. I went down to take a look at the property about a month ago, accompanied by Mr. Oliver of Dallas, and while there learned a great deal in regard to its history. The opening of the mine is about 1000 feet up the steep side of the Sierra Madre, and a winding path leads up to it. The way is so steep that I was almost overcome with fatigue before I reached the entrance, and when I arrived there we found only a small tunnel that a man could not stand upright in. Having lighted our torches, we started upon a journey toward what seemed to me the centre of the earth. The Spaniards probably first noticed the cropping on the outside, and, starting in at that point followed the vein in all its tortuous windings. The tunnel at first slants slightly downward for about 200 feet, and then opens into a large chamber. From this it continues on directly into the mountain for a short distance—the tunnel at this point being so low that you have to crawl through it—and then it turns almost directly downward; and here is a great tree notched for a ladder which was placed in its present position nearly 300 years ago, and is still as hard and sound as on the day it was cut. Passing on through the tunnel, we came to another great chamber, which, as near as I could judge by the light of our torches, was about 700 feet long and 40 feet wide and high. Here I stopped, completely worn out, while Mr. Oliver and the guide went on. All along the sides of the tunnel and the walls of the chambers was any quantity of low-grade ore, the Spaniards only taking the high grade of the body of the mine. What labor it must have been to dig into this blue limestone rock, almost as hard as granite, with their crude tools, no man can conceive.

"It seems almost beyond belief that they could have carried the ore through all the numerous chambers and zigzag windings of the tunnel before reaching the great chamber where the bones of sixty Spaniards now lie buried. But the peon slaves managed to get through some way. The great chamber which I referred to as entered by Mr. Oliver is the scene of the last work of the Spaniards, and here were left pillars of the highest grade of ore to support the roof. In this chamber was enacted the last act of the tragedy which caused the abandonment of the mine, and in order to understand this it was necessary to make our way out and down into the beautiful valley of the Monterey. The citizens of Salinas and Villa del Carmen originated with the opening and development of the mines, and during the many years in which the mines were worked these villages were in a flourishing condition. But, deriving all their support from that source, they declined when operations so suddenly ceased. Salinas is four miles from the mouth of the mine, on the line of the Mexican National Railway, while the Villa del Carmen is almost at the foot of the mountains. In the latter place, 200 years ago, was an enormous stone church, the ruins of which still exist, though covered over with vines.

"One day, I suppose almost a century and a half ago, the Indians attacked the town, and 300 miners fled to the great church for protection. There they were besieged for many days, until, overcome by starvation, they surrendered. The result was a massacre of every single man. A stone wall about twenty feet high was built around the spot where they were buried, and to this day the simple natives on a certain day of the year decorate their graves with flowers and garlands. I climbed the rude steps which lead into the enclosure, there being no gate, and found the grass green and well kept, while the flowers, which had been placed there only a few days before, were fresh and beautiful. When the city was attacked by the Indians sixty miners made their escape to the mines, where they could have defended themselves against any number of Indians. Making their way to the great chamber at the end of the excavations, they remained there until they thought the Indians had retired, and then, believing that it would be impossible for them to continue working the mines, they decided to take what ore they could with them and make their escape. Accordingly they commenced taking down the pillars of almost solid silver. Before they had taken many of them down the roof fell in, and they were buried beneath the great mass of ore, where their bones still lie.

"The records show that $11,000,000 royalty was paid the King of Spain by the Viceroy of Mexico on these mines. The royalty demanded was 20 per cent. of the production, so that during the time the mines were worked at least $55,000,000 worth of ore was taken out. But I believe human nature was the same 300 years ago as it is to-day, and, just as property is to-day assessed at about one-fifth of its real value, so, after considering this fact and the fact that the 20 per cent. royalty was considered a great injustice, I put it down that as much as $500,000,000 worth of ore was taken out of those mines. The ore, after being carried by the peons through the tortuous windings of the tunnel to the mouth, was carried on mules down the mountain to the rude smelters, where are now great piles of slack, at least forty feet high, which have lain there so long that great trees two feet in diameter have grown up through them. This slack has been assayed, and shows a yield of from $8 to $24 a ton."

Lace Curtains in white or cream only "fifty cents" per pair, and large scolloped and bound curtains only "one fifty" per pair at Petley's.

Abyssinia's Great Warrior.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

The great Abyssinian chief Ras Alula is at present a person of much interest to the Italians. He is the son of Abyssinian peasants. He was born about forty-five years ago in the village of Pamaka, near Mekalle, and served for many years as groom under the uncle of the Negus Ras Area. Later on he became master of the wardrobe at court, and married the daughter of Ras Area, who died not long after the marriage. He then rose to the rank of Chamberlain, and was finally made Governor of Tigre, with the title of Ras.

Ras Alula is of middle height, has a chocolate-colored skin and a thin face, but is otherwise rather stout. He never laughs, talks slowly, is polite to strangers, but haughty to inferiors. His orders are only given once. If they are not executed he horsewhips his servants. As a rule he wears a white cotton shirt and trousers. A red fez covers his close cut hair. On special occasions he wears a red silk shirt, the robe of the Governor. He is an excellent horseman, and it will be difficult to find an Abyssinian who bears the hardships of traveling better than he. He accompanies the Negus barefooted on all his tours, and never shows a sign of fatigue. Having had no education, he can neither write nor read, but is very intelligent and cunning, but pious and superstitious withal. His avarice is extreme; he takes everywhere and gives nowhere. Wherever he goes he takes everything he can lay hold of. On his marches he is accompanied by his servants, who carry his wine, made of honey.

The King has promised him the crown of Kassala, if he can earn it. Eight generals fight under him. His daughter is a good and beautiful woman, who has protected Count Salimbeni and his companion, and it is due to her influence that they have not been killed.

Parisian Actresses on a Small Spree.

From the London Telegraph.

One of the dirtiest, dingiest and most dangerous streets in Paris was yesterday chosen as the locality of a remarkable fete. About noon the aboriginal natives of the notorious Place Maub