

in shells which would be sunk by a ripple. So far as usefulness, or everything that can possibly conduce to it, is concerned, a poor Esquimaux, navigating in his little skiff the dangerous waters of the Hudson Bay, is worth a whole population of shell-rowers. A professional sporting man begins by deserting useful and honest trades, on which his career is a practical slur; and an industrial community which pays him public homage does its utmost to degrade and discourage the pursuits and qualities by which it lives. Intelligence can hardly be displayed, in any high degree, by the mere repetition of a uniform and almost mechanical motion. We have even known successful scullers who were far from being remarkably fine or healthy specimens of humanity. Yet a man who had performed the most splendid feat of seamanship on our lakes, who as an explorer had opened to us, by his enterprise and fortitude, some new and valuable territory, who had saved a fellow citizen's life at the risk of his own, would not receive a thousandth part of the homage which is lavished on a professional sculler. We may hope that the chief seat of the frenzy is Toronto, and that of the money sent to the English betting ring, not much belonged to farmers. There is, of course, no use in preaching against a mania. Nothing avails but an antidote, such as is provided by those rowing clubs which do their best to preserve the healthy character of the amusement, and to exclude the professional sporting man with the roguery, vice, and misery which he invariably brings in his train.

—Among the many symptoms of Ecclesiastical disintegration we note that the *Canada Presbyterian* has fallen out with the *Globe* over the reception of Sara Bernhardt. The *Globe* compiles column after column of gushing panegyrics. The *Canada Presbyterian* calls this sort of thing "an agony of baseness," characteristic of "simpering imbecility which would fain be thought cultured," and, striking an attitude of martyr resignation to the endurance of calumny, defies the *Globe* to throw at its head